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Coalition Seeks Volunteers Committed To Democracy and Election Integrity

Investment: One Day
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Hartford, Connecticut – We are pleased to announce that the Connecticut Citizen Election Audit Coalition (League of Women Voters of Connecticut, Common Cause, Connecticut Citizen Action Group, and CTVotersCount.org) will observe the Connecticut November 2010 Post-Election Audits. The observations will occur between November 17th and December 8th.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL VOTERS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!
The Coalition needs to increase the number of volunteer observers by 50% to fully cover this election.

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Observers have reported that the observations are a great opportunity for learning about our election system and the challenges faced by election officials. They have said the best things about observing are:

- “It is informative to auditor. The presence of auditors probably adds seriousness to process.”
- “Talking to the registrars and finding out about the entire process.”
- “Registrars were experienced and conscientious, so it’s hard to tell if we weren’t there might have had a different impact”
- “Learning opportunity for observers (we learned a lot)”
- “Larger awareness of the town voting process
- “I think that the Town officials really appreciated that outside observers were present”
- “I think for some towns observers will make the count more reliable.”

Coalition Executive Director, Luther Weeks said: “Without our volunteer citizen observers, no one but a few local election officials would know how the post-election audits are conducted. Our past observers have contributed to valuable information necessary to improve the Connecticut election process”

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