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## HATFIELD'S CAMPAIGN ACHIEVES STUNNING FINANCIAL SUCCESS

*Financial Filing Shows More than Enough Money to Qualify for CEP Grant*

HARTFORD – Republican-endorsed candidate for state Attorney General, Sue Hatfield, reported a vigorous fundraiser quarter that puts her over the mandatory requirement for funding under the state Citizen Election Program (CEP), pending approval of her application to the state Election Enforcement Commission.

As of June 30, Hatfield's campaign attracted over 1,200 donors and \$77,967 in total qualifying funds since forming her exploratory committee in January.

A candidate for statewide office must collect no less than \$76,600 in qualifying funds, which among other things includes amounts no greater than \$100 from individuals and 90% of which must be residents of Connecticut. Funds raised in a preliminary exploratory committee are eligible to be included. Hatfield raised \$11,810 during her exploratory phase and has raised \$66,157 since declaring her candidacy and forming her candidate committee. The application is subject to review and approval by the SEEC before campaign funds will be released for the primary and general election time periods.

Hatfield, a native of Eastern Connecticut and a current resident of Pomfret, has served as a state prosecutor since 2005 and she is currently on a leave of absence while she runs for Attorney General. This is Hatfield's first run for statewide public office. Despite her limited political experience as a candidate, Hatfield won nearly 75 percent of the delegates at the state nominating convention in May, to become the Republican Party's Endorsed candidate.

Herb Shephardson, a former state GOP chairman and chairman of the Hatfield Finance Committee said the fundraising effort was nothing short of "amazing."

"In a very short period of time in a very competitive market for small-dollar donations, Sue Hatfield has accomplished what many other statewide candidates have tried but failed to achieve," said Shephardson. "Sue has the inexhaustible energy, focus and desire to win this important office."

An accomplished athlete at the high school and collegiate levels, Hatfield also worked for nearly a decade as a registered nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She served in the office of former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich as his Policy Assistant (Legal), and as an attorney in the New York City office of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood where she practiced municipal finance law. The mother of two young boys, Sue is married to a recently retired state trooper, giving her a unique understanding of the challenges facing the law enforcement community.

"I am enormously grateful for the wonderful support for my candidacy expressed by people across the state," Hatfield said. "I am determined to earn the trust of people who are looking for a fair, balanced, and accessible attorney general who will bring integrity and professionalism, and real-world, problem-solving skills to the office."