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FOLEY, MALLOY COMES DOWN TO THE WIRE; 45-45 *Race for Governor Tightest in Recent Memory*

HARTFORD, CT (October 27, 2010) - According to a poll released today by CT Capitol Report, Connecticut's race for Governor between Republican Tom Foley and Democrat Dan Malloy is too close to call. Both Foley and Malloy garnered 45.1 percent support in the survey.

The telephone survey, commissioned by CT Capitol Report and conducted by the Merriman River Group, surveyed 1,846 likely voters on October 24-26, 2010 with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points. 6.3 percent of those surveyed are still unsure of who they will support in the race.

"It seems clear we are heading to the tightest two-way gubernatorial finish in recent memory," says the poll's Executive Director, Matthew Fitch. "The elections of 1990 and 1994, both of which were three-way races, were decided by about four points each. It may even be the closest election since 1954 when Abe Ribicoff won by about 3,000 votes. It is likely that the final spread will be less than four percentage points. With so few undecided voters it is unlikely that we will see significant shifts in opinion."

Fitch added, "This election may well be decided by turnout and GOTV efforts on Election Day."

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About Merriman River Group

With offices in Hamden, CT and Los Angeles, CA, Merriman River Group is a full service consulting organization specializing in election supervision and administration, public opinion research, and communication services. In 2010, Merriman River Group launched their NexGen IVR polling system, which offers professional grade polling and analysis with reduced costs and faster completion time. NexGen IVR has been used in public and private polling from New England to Hawaii this year, with accuracy far exceeding traditional polling methods. For more information on Merriman River Group, please visit www.merrimanriver.com.

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