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### **Senator Gobi Named Chair of Environment Committee; Vice-Chair of Economic Development**

**(Boston)** – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) was selected by Senate President Stanley Rosenberg to Chair the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. She was also appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. She will also be a member of the following committees: Intergovernmental Affairs; Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy; Housing; Elder Affairs; and Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Senator Gobi was formerly House Chair of the Environment Committee for four years where she oversaw a variety of important pieces of legislation come by her desk. She was a key architect in 2014's environmental bond bill, providing over \$2.2 billion for numerous investments to our environment. Bills affecting fisheries, hunting, environmental stewardship, recycling, land policy and mosquito control, were all brought under Gobi's scope.

"I am looking forward to this legislative session and the opportunity to continue as Chair of the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee," said Senator Gobi. "I appreciate the confidence Senate President Rosenberg has in me to lead this critical committee as well as the new appointment as Vice Chair of Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Our region has great potential and I am anxious to assist area businesses in remaining viable and the expansion of our manufacturing sector."

An avid outdoorswoman, Senator Gobi has been recognized for her efforts by a number of groups including the Mahar Fish and Game Club, Worcester County 4H, Worcester League of Sportsmen, Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council and the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association. She is also a member of Common Ground Land Trust and Spencer Fish & Game. Gobi helped created the bi-partisan Massachusetts Sportsmen's Caucus with Rep. Vieira (R-Barnstable).

Gobi's experience is not limited to the environment, however. She previously served as Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business. She will use this experience as the newly appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. In the most recent state budget she was able to pass an amendment that will study how to assist vocational education students pursue their careers through training at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts. She was also able to secure funding for the 4-H Youth Development & Mentoring Programs, which mentors youth to make better decisions and to pursue thoughtful careers.

Senator Gobi is also excited to be a part of the newly created Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. The committee is tasked with working alongside the Massachusetts Congressional delegation and the Baker administration to bring more federal funding to the state. This Committee is a part of Senate President Rosenberg's goal of sharing responsibility among leadership and chairman and having a strong team.

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