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RURAL CAUCUS CONVENES FOR FIRST MEETING SENATOR ANNE GOBI ELECTED SENATE CO-CHAIR

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announced today that she has joined the Rural Caucus. The caucus held their inaugural meeting to bring together legislators who represent the 170 rural towns in the Commonwealth.

The caucus elected Senators Anne Gobi and Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) as Senate Co-Chairs and Representatives Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) and Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) as House Co-Chairs.

“Our rural communities have district issues and concerns that urban areas do not have and I am glad to co-chair this caucus with the goal of assisting and approving our region,” said Senator Gobi.

“Representing 52 small, rural communities in western Massachusetts is a privilege,” said Senator Downing. “Every day I am reminded of the unique challenges faced by small towns, which is why I am pleased this caucus has formed to focus on how best to meet these needs.”

“I am very pleased that we were able to convene this caucus and focus on issues of particular importance to rural communities,” Senator Peake said. “I look forward to the discussions ahead and working with my colleagues to improve services and provide opportunities to citizens living in rural towns.”

Moving forward, the caucus plans to focus its attention on the issues of transportation, funding for rural communities, agriculture, workforce development, affordable housing, energy regulations and aging in a rural community.

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