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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Senator Gobi Delivers Impassioned Testimony in Favor of East-West Rail Project**

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** testified yesterday in front of the Joint Committee on Transportation in favor of a bill she co-sponsored with **Senator Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow)** that would study the feasibility of constructing a high speed rail line from Springfield to Boston.

Senator Gobi pointed out that in the time between the committee coming to order and her rising in support of the bill, a train could have left Springfield, picked up passengers in Palmer, Worcester, and Framingham, dropped them off in Boston, picked up new passengers, and headed back to Springfield. The timeframe she highlighted was roughly one and a half hours.

She went on to discuss the benefits of rail service to the central and western parts of the state. Reducing gas emissions from autos, access to affordable housing stock for professionals working in Boston, access to new jobs for residents currently living in the more rural areas of her district, and increased access to healthcare specialists were all highlighted as benefits of the project.

The committee must now decide whether or not to give the bill a favorable vote and send it to either the House or Senate for debate.

For more information, please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540 and for news like this and more, visit Senator Gobi's website at [www.senatorannegobi.com](http://www.senatorannegobi.com) and sign up for her newsletter.

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