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Senator Gobi and Local Senators Host “Commonwealth Conversations” Tour **Senate President, Minority Leader Tarr attend**

(Monson, MA) - Kicking off the first day of a statewide tour of Senate districts, Senators Anne Gobi, Harriette Chandler, Michael Moore, Jennifer Flanagan, and Ryan Fattman visited town offices, businesses and local human service agencies to listen to the concerns of the people of Central Massachusetts. The Senators were joined by Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), and other senators from across the state.

The tour started with a stop at the Monson town offices to discuss municipal challenges and moved to stops at the Upper Blackstone Waste Water Treatment Plant, Worcester City Hall, and Gateway Park. The day culminated in a town hall meeting at the UMass Medical School Aaron Lazare Medical Research Building beginning at 6:30pm.

“It was great to have a chance to meet with people from throughout Central Massachusetts to hear their comments and concerns,” said Senator Gobi. “I know that I, and my Senate colleagues, have a desire to find solutions and eager to work for the region.”

“I would like to thank all of the Senators who attended today’s events and the members of the public who took time out of their day to participate. This was a fantastic exercise in direct democracy and listening to the concerns of our constituents,” said Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst). “These conversations help us craft our agenda and engage the public in the good work that we hope to accomplish this legislative session.”

The Commonwealth Conversations Tour is a statewide tour of Senate districts led by the local senators to reach out to local residents, businesses, and interests groups to listen directly to their needs and concerns with the hope that it will foster more civic engagement while helping each senator learn more about issues outside of their own districts.

Each member of the Senate has committed to attending at least two of these sessions outside of their own region that is not an adjoining district to their own. The tour dates run from February 4th through March 11. All members of the public are encouraged to participate. To read more about this effort you can go to the website at <https://malegislature.gov/cc> and follow on Twitter at @Ma_Senate

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