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SENATOR GOBI NAMED TO FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

BOSTON - State Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, has been appointed by **Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg (D-Amherst)** to the Food Policy Council.

The Food Policy Council is a seventeen-member council comprised of state legislators, members of executive agencies, and representatives of the food production industry. The purpose of the Council is to promote the production and consumption of healthy, Massachusetts-grown food and to ensure the economic and environmental sustainability of local food production.

“I am honored and thrilled to be appointed to the Food Policy Council,” said **Senator Gobi**. “I look forward to the opportunity to support farmers throughout the Commonwealth and to increase access to locally-grown and locally-made foods.”

“Senator Gobi’s advocacy for local farmers and local food cannot be understated and I am pleased to appoint her to the Food Policy Council,” said **Senate President Stan Rosenberg**. “She understands the issues facing Massachusetts farmers, the importance of locally sourced food, and will bring an extensive breadth of knowledge to this position.”

Senator Gobi has been a longtime champion of farmers throughout the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex district. As a Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, she has promoted local food production and environmental stewardship. Recently, Senator Gobi helped establish the first Buy Local Initiative in Central Massachusetts and supported legislation to regulate the labeling of genetically modified foods.

On top of her unyielding commitment to local agriculture, Senator Gobi brings over a decade of leadership and experience to the Council. She has sixteen years of experience as a state representative and senator, over which period she received the Legislative Leadership Award and the Dairy Farmers Environmental Advocate of the Year Award.

Senator Gobi's appointment to the Food Policy Council is effective immediately. The next public meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

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