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Senator Gobi Receives Legislator of the Year Award from MA Association of School Committees

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** was recognized Tuesday by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) as their 2015 Legislator of the Year. The award was presented during their annual Day on the Hill in Gardner Auditorium at the State House.

The award is in recognition of Senator Gobi’s “tireless service in the House of Representatives and the Senate on behalf of children and families in Massachusetts and for ensuring the strength and survival of local municipal government and regional school districts in the great tradition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

A former teacher, Senator Gobi has shown a strong commitment to supporting Massachusetts schools. She continuously pushes for increased funding and has led the charge to fully fund regional school transportation reimbursements. She was pivotal in securing a \$2,500,000 increase to the regional school transportation line item in the FY16 budget and dedicated her maiden speech to recognizing how important these funds are to towns and regional school districts.

The MASC is a member-driven association whose mission is to support Massachusetts school leaders in their increasingly complex governance role. MASC offers a wide range of programs and services; including professional development workshops; school policy development and Superintendent search services and new Superintendent job postings, alerts and analysis of new education legislation, education and school advocacy support, and also acts as an information clearinghouse.

This marks the first time that the Massachusetts Association of School Committee has presented their Legislator of the Year award to a Senator in their first term.

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