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Rep. Gobi Announces Governor's Statewide Youth Council

BOSTON - Rep. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) is proud to announce the Governor's Statewide Youth Council is now seeking potential candidates throughout the state to apply for membership. The Council incorporates youth voices into the policy-making process and serves as a critical resource in advising the Governor in his initiative to improve the lives of young people throughout the Commonwealth. The Youth Council has advocated on various issues in the Patrick-Murray Administration, including the historic anti-bullying legislation that Governor Patrick signed into law in May 2010.

"I have visited schools throughout the district and have met with students that want to be involved with their government and have wonderful ideas," said Rep. Gobi. "This is an opportunity for the students and I hope they apply."

The Governor's Office will be selecting 28 new Youth Council members to represent Massachusetts' 14 counties, two Council members per county. Members serve for two years. The Governor's Office is now aggressively seeking to contact and recruit potential candidates throughout the state to apply for membership in the Youth Council. The application deadline is May 29, 2014.

Applicants should be passionate, motivated and emerging leaders between the ages of 14 and 20. Their responsibilities will include: attending bimonthly meetings and conference calls, advocating for youth issues and incorporating the ideas of other youths and young adults into the creation of effective policy.

To learn more about activities, initiatives and trainings that the Youth Council has participated in please visit: www.mass.gov/governor/youthcouncil or contact Anny Jean-Jacques Domercant at the Governor's Office of Community Affairs (617-725-4020).

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