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Gobi, Senate Approve Amendment for Veteran to Veteran Mediation Services

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** has announced that the Massachusetts State Senate voted to approve funding for a Veterans Mediation Training Program administered by Quabbin Mediation. The \$100,000 in funding was filed as an amendment to the Senate budget by Senator Gobi.

The Veteran Mediation program provides services to prevent and alleviate veteran homelessness in the Commonwealth, along with the numerous accompanying issues. They host statewide trainings to equip veterans with the skills to help their fellow veterans with these challenges.

“I have had the chance to attend a graduation of the mediators, as well as spoken to Veterans who have been helped by the mediators,” said Senator Gobi. “It is great to see such a successful program and one that started in our region and spreading statewide.”

This funding will help to equip over 200 veterans who serve veterans with mediation skills through 35-hour professional trainings and 6-hour skills trainings. These skills will be used to provide mediation services in more than 10,000 cases involving veterans and family members, helping them to find solutions to conflicts concerning such issues as housing, family relationships, employment, health care, and more.

Senator Gobi, the daughter of a Navy Veteran, serves as Senate Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. She was successful in securing the initial amount of funding for this program in the Massachusetts HOME Act, passed in 2016.

If you have any questions, contact Senator Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

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