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### **Senator Anne Gobi and Colleagues Secure Funding for Local Projects in FY16 Budget Debate**

**Funds allotted for Templeton, North Quabbin, Charlton**

**BOSTON** – State Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) is happy to announce that she and her colleagues have voted to override several budget vetoes made by Governor Baker. Included in the overrides is funding for several local projects. These projects include \$85,000 for a Templeton Playground, \$75,000 for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, and \$30,000 for a Charlton Planning grant.

“These programs are incredibly important to my district,” said Senator Gobi. “The budget process can be long, and ushering programs through can be difficult. Along with my staff and the local delegation, we were able to work dilligently to assure that these projects made it to the finish line.”

Funding to construct a playground in Templeton was included in the FY15 budget. The Town contracted the project out and then the funds were included in Governor Baker’s 9C cuts. Templeton, already dealing with municipal budget concerns, is now being asked to add this expense on top. The \$85,000 in funding has been restored, giving Templeton the opportunity to finally build a new playground.

The town of North Quabbin has been granted \$75,000 for the purpose of establishing a regional tourism council. The Commonwealth’s investment in the creation of this tourism council will be repaid in future years by the benefits it will bring to the North Quabbin Region.

Additionally, \$30,000 in funding has been secured to help the city of Charlton build a new water system, which is needed for both public safety and economic development reasons. These funds will help to hire engineers and consultants to ensure a safe and efficient system is built.

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