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### **Senator Anne Gobi Announces 75th Citizens' Legislative Seminar in October**

(Boston, MA) – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announced today that the Senate is seeking nominees to participate in the 75th Citizens' Legislative Seminar (CLS) to be held October 20-21 at the State House in Boston. CLS is a semi-annual educational seminar geared towards adults of all ages interested in learning more about state government and the legislative process. Three of Senator Gobi's constituents participated in the 74<sup>th</sup> seminar in April.

"I appreciate everyone that takes an active role in our government and this two day seminar is another way to learn more about the process that affects all of us," said Senator Gobi.

Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts, the two-day seminar features engaging presentations by Senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in the Commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the parliamentary role of the Clerk of the Senate and the future of the Legislature. The Seminar will walk participants through the legislative process including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed.

"The Citizens' Legislative Seminar is part of the Massachusetts Senate's ongoing effort to increase civic engagement and open up the democratic process. It's the perfect chance to come and gain an insider's perspective from elected officials and staff on how the legislature works," said Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst). "This is an excellent learning experience and I encourage those interested to contact their senator."

The CLS culminates with a simulated legislative hearing and Senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as "Senators" in the Senate Chamber in order to have a first-hand experience of the legislative process.

Interested residents in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex District are invited to contact Brian Ferrarese in Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540 by Monday September 21st in order to be nominated. Seats are limited and nominations are taken on a first come, first serve basis.

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