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**NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR MASSACHUSETTS
CAUCUS OF WOMEN LEGISLATORS**

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators has announced their Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 legislative session.

Senator Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster) and Representative Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) will serve as Co-Chairs; Senator Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell) and Representative Christine Barber (D-Somerville) will serve as Co-Vice Chairs; Representative Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston) was elected Treasurer; and past Senate Chair Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury), Representative Denise Garlick (D-Needham), Representative Carole Fiola (D-Fall River), Representative Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge), Representative Juana Matias (D-Lawrence) and Representative Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster) will also serve on the Board.

Established in 1975, the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators was formed with a mission to enhance the economic status and equality of women and to encourage and support women in all levels of government. It is a bi-cameral and bi-partisan organization that is comprised of the women State Senators and State Representatives at the State House. The Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the Women's Caucus and provides guidance on events and policy.

“I am excited and honored to serve on the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators Board of Directors and I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues to advance the mission of the caucus and to support women in public service,” stated Representative Hannah Kane of the Eleventh Worcester District.

There are currently 52 women legislators that make up 26% of the Massachusetts legislature. Throughout the history of the Commonwealth, only 196 women have served as elected officials in the legislature compared to over 20,000 men.

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