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Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators Celebrates Members Appointed to Leadership Positions in 193rd Legislative Session

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators applauds leadership appointments in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Senate.

In the Senate, Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Middlesex and Norfolk) appointed Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (D-Norfolk and Middlesex) as Majority Leader and appointed Women’s Caucus Co-Chair Senator Joan B. Lovely (D-2nd Essex) as Assistant Majority Leader. Senator Cindy F. Friedman (D-4th Middlesex) was also named as Vice Chair of the Senate & Joint Committees on Ways & Means. Senate President Spilka also appointed women to Chair 12 Committees in the Senate, and 14 Committees have women as their Senate Vice-Chairs. In total, there are 12 women in the Senate, comprising 30% of the chamber’s members. The following shows the women in the Senate chosen to be Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees.

Sen. Comerford: Chair, Joint Committee on Higher Education; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Agriculture	Sen. Kennedy: Chair, Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy
Sen. Creem: Chair, Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change; Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Ethics; Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Juvenile and Emerging Adult Justice	Sen. Lovely: Chair, Senate & Joint Committees on Rules; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regularly Oversight
Sen. Edwards: Chair, Joint Committee on Housing; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary	Sen. Miranda: Chair, Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights and Inclusion; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies
Sen. Friedman: Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing; Vice Chair, Senate & Joint Committees on Rules; Vice Chair, Senate & Joint Committees on Ways & Means	Sen. Moran: Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Sen. Gobi: Chair, Joint Committee on Agriculture; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Higher Education	Sen. Rausch: Chair, Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; Vice Chair, Senate Committee on the Census; Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities
Sen. Jehlen: Chair, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs; Chair, Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development; Vice-Chair, Joint Committee on Public Service	

In the House of Representatives, Speaker Ronald Mariano (D-3rd Norfolk) appointed Representative Kate Hogan (D-3rd Middlesex) as Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch (D-14th Norfolk) as Assistant Majority Leader, and Representative Sarah K. Peake (D-4th Barnstable) as Second Assistant Majority Leader. Representative Danielle W. Gregoire (D-4th Middlesex) and Representative Ruth B. Balsler (D-12th Middlesex) were named as Division Leaders. Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-5th Essex) was also named as Vice

Chair of the House & Joint Committees on Ways & Means. 5 women were appointed to be the House Chairs of Committees, and 15 women were appointed as House Vice-Chairs. In total, there are 51 women in the House, comprising about 32% of the chamber’s members.

Also in the House, Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-20th Middlesex) named Representative Kimberly N. Ferguson (R-1st Worcester) as First Assistant Minority Floor Leader and Representative Susan Williams Gifford (R-2nd Plymouth) as the Third Assistant Minority Floor Leader. The 4 Republican women in the House were named as Ranking Minority Members to several Committees. The following shows the women in the House chosen to be Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Ranking Minority members of Committees.

Rep. Decker: Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health	Rep. Keefe: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Rep. Domb: Chair, Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts, and Cultural Development	Rep. Kerans: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health
Rep. Farley Bouvier: Chair, Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet, and Cybersecurity	Rep. Kilcoyne: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Housing
Rep. Fiola: Chair, Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government	Rep. LaNatra: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
Rep. Garlick: Chair, Joint Committee on Education	Rep. Lipper-Garabedian: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs
Rep. Barber: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary	Rep. Nguyen: Vice Chair, House Committee on Steering, Policy, and Scheduling
Rep. Blais: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Sabadosa: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
Rep. DuBois: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery	Rep. Tyler: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
Rep. Ferrante: Vice Chair, House & Joint Committees on Ways & Means	Rep. Ferguson: Ranking Minority Member, House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change and Joint Committee on Education
Rep. Fluker Oakley: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion	Rep. Gifford: Ranking Minority Member, House Committee on Steering, Policy, and Scheduling, and Joint Committee on Agriculture
Rep. Giannino: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities	Rep. Kane: Ranking Minority Member, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, and Joint Committee on Public Health
Rep. Higgins: Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Public Service	Rep. Sullivan-Almeida: Ranking Minority Member, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery

“As Co-Chairs of the Women’s Caucus, we know how critical it is to have women of both Chambers and both political parties in positions of leadership in our legislature,” said **Women’s Caucus Co-Chairs Senator Joan B. Lovely (D-2nd Essex) and Representative Hannah Kane (R-11th Worcester)**. “The members of the Women’s Caucus are smart, dedicated, and incredible public servants, and we thank the Speaker, Senate President and House Minority Leader for recognizing their work through these leadership and committee assignments.”

The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators is a 63-member bipartisan and bicameral Caucus representing over 31% of the state legislature. Focusing on enhancing the economic status and equality of women and encouraging women in all levels of government, the Caucus recently set its strategic priorities for the 193rd General Court: elevating women’s economic opportunity and eliminating barriers; addressing racial and gender disparities in health care; and empowering women in government.