

## **ZLOTNIK ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR STATE SENATE**

GARDNER, MA – May 23, 2023 – Representative Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) has announced his candidacy for State Senate to fill the expected vacancy created by the appointment of incumbent Senator Anne Gobi (D- Spencer) as the Commonwealth's Director of Rural Affairs by Governor Maura Healey.

"I'd like to congratulate my good friend and colleague, Senator Anne Gobi, for her years of service to the district, both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, as she starts her new role as the State's Director of Rural Affairs. She has served all of her communities well and has set a high standard to whoever succeeds her in the Senate. I believe I'm ready to take on that role."

Zlotnik was first elected to represent the 2nd Worcester District in 2012, where he has won re-election five times. In his announcement, Zlotnik drew attention to the ways he has been able to work with local leaders in the communities he has represented to make a strong impact in their growth and development.

"During my time in the House of Representatives, I've given my all to making sure my district has the tools and resources it needs to grow and prosper. I've prioritized making state resources available for economic development, infrastructure improvement and education. I'm proud to have been on the Education Committee that drafted the Student Opportunity Act that has boosted funding for our public schools and has made improvements to make sure those funds go to where they are needed most. I've also made sure that the state funds the On-Site Academy, which provides crucial services statewide to first responders and corrections officers for post traumatic stress incidents."

"The residents of the 22 communities that make up the Worcester – Hampshire District deserve a Senator who knows how to work with their local officials to build a stronger district from the ground up. During my time representing the 2nd Worcester District in the House, I have proven my commitment to my constituents. I have a proven bipartisan track record of problem solving and consensus building. I look forward to the opportunity to do the same for so many in the North Quabbin and Central Massachusetts Regions."

The Worcester – Hampshire District is comprised of the City of Gardner, the Towns of Barre, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston, Leicester, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Paxton, Phillipston, Princeton, Rutland, Spencer, Sterling, Templeton, West Brookfield, Westminster, Ware, and portions of the City of Worcester including Precincts 2, 4, 5, and 6 of Ward 7 and Precincts 3 and 4 of Ward 9.