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Fiola Appointed to State Commission on Recovery Coaching and Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board

Fall River, MA (October 12, 2018) - This week State Representative Carole Fiola was appointed by House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo to the State's Commission on Recovery Coaching and by Chair Claire Cronin of the Judiciary Committee to the State's Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board. The State's Commission on Recovery Coaching was incorporated into the legislature's bill, *An Act for Prevention and Access to Appropriate Care and Treatment of Addiction* and the State's Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board was incorporated into the legislature's bill, *An Act relative to Criminal Justice Reform*.

"Representative Fiola is an insightful and collaborative legislator with a deep knowledge of the three groundbreaking laws the House has passed to combat the opioid crisis," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "Carole is a strong advocate for the recovery community and has helped expand treatment options and increase prevention efforts to best meet the needs of those communities, families and individuals struggling with addiction. At the same time, she understands that work remains and I know that Representative Fiola's participation on this commission will help improve how we support people in recovery."

"Representative Fiola has been an asset to the Judiciary Committee and especially the criminal justice reform bill that passed this legislative session," said Chair of the Judiciary Committee Claire Cronin. "It was an easy decision for me to choose Representative Fiola as her knowledge and insights will prove valuable."

"Over the past five years as a legislator, I have made it a priority to listen to the concerns from the Fall River Police Department as well as those on the frontline providing services to individuals impacted by the opioid crisis" said Fiola. "I have been on ride-alongs with our police and follow-up visits to the addresses of individuals that have overdosed with Project Reconnect. I would like to thank Speaker DeLeo and Chair Cronin for their appointments which will allow me to continue to learn about the many different resources that can be utilized to help our most fragile individuals."

Please see the following link to access the language to *An Act for Prevention and Access to Appropriate Care and Treatment of Addiction (Section 101)*:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2018/Chapter208>

Please see the following link to access the language to *An Act relative to criminal justice reform (Section 13)*:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2018/Chapter69>