

Senate President Therese Murray

Senate President Therese Murray stands firmly behind the popular “It’s all here!” slogan, first introduced by the administration of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in 2003 to spread the word about Massachusetts’ diverse strengths. As Senate president, she has led efforts to spread the word and promote the state as a prime destination for higher education, home or business ownership, and tourism.



Having represented the Plymouth and Barnstable districts in the state senate since 1992, Murray was elected to serve as the first woman president of the senate in 2007.

A resident of Plymouth, Murray received a degree in personnel management and organizational studies from Northeastern University, then completed the Tier II Graduate Management Program at the University of Massachusetts. In addition to serving in political office, she has been an advocate

for Massachusetts communities and the commonwealth for over 30 years. Since assuming leadership of the Senate, one of Murray’s proudest achievements is the recent signing of a memorandum of understanding to form a strategic alliance between research institutions in three of the world’s leading life science regions: Northern Ireland, Finland and Massachusetts. Locally, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will partner with research and educational institutions overseas to further research in tissue engineering.

Referring to the opportunity as an “untapped avenue for future economic development,” Murray looks forward to the educational and economic benefits this collaboration will bring the state. “The result will be businesses and jobs in Massachusetts,” she said.

While committed to expanding the economy and attracting business to the commonwealth, helping people brings Murray the greatest satisfaction. “We receive over one hundred calls a week from people who have lost their homes, jobs, or cars, or have problems getting fuel or health care,” she said. “Getting through to help them at the end of the day is my greatest satisfaction.”

In June, the Senate found itself responding to a more unexpected form of humanitarian assistance, as it quickly approved \$15 million in emergency funding to Massachusetts communities devastated by the June tornados.

“This funding is an important step in the recovery process,” Murray said. “The people in these communities need our help, and our emergency workers and volunteers need our support as we continue to rebuild neighborhoods and businesses in this part of the commonwealth.”

Murray was a supporter of the Prompt Pay bill, sponsored by the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts, Inc., which took effect in November 2010 after a nearly five-year effort. Among other measures, the law sets reasonable time standards for payment on a job, and gives contractors and subcontractors the right to stop work for nonpayment. “It was a good example of how the subcontractors and general contractors got together to form an agreement that made sure everyone got paid,” Murray said of the bill. “It had come up a

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