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**Legislative Leadership Award Presented to
Representative Hannah Kane**

Work to promote an effective, efficient, and equitable local health system cited

BOSTON – Today, the Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA) presented Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) with a Legislative Leadership Award in recognition of her commitment to building an effective, efficient, and equitable local public health system.

In presenting the award, MPHA cited Representative Kane’s work to advance knowledge, develop recommendations, and champion legislative action to strengthen the Commonwealth’s municipal public health system.

“Representative Kane has been a stalwart advocate for public health,” said MPHA Executive Director Carlene Pavlos. “We are grateful for her thoughtfulness, seriousness of purpose, and tremendous partnership. She has brought greater attention to the challenges facing our local health system, and more importantly, she has rolled up her sleeves and done the hard work to move legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of Massachusetts residents.”

“I am grateful to MPHA for this recognition and even more grateful for the opportunity to work closely with the talented and dedicated people at MPHA on so many public health issues impacting the Commonwealth. It is an honor to serve as a State Representative and be part of the critical work to make the Commonwealth’s public health system more efficient and effective for all,” remarked Representative Kane.

Representative Kane served on the Special Commission on Local and Regional Health, which was established by the Legislature in 2016 to bring greater attention to challenges and develop consensus on effective solutions among state agencies, municipal leaders, local health leaders, legislators, health care providers, and others. Subsequent to the release of the Commission’s final report in 2019, Representative Kane has been a lead sponsor and champion for the State Action for Public Health Excellence Act – or SAPHE Act (House Bill 1935). Her leadership on this legislation has resulted, in just 11 months, in the appropriation of \$500,000 in the state budget to support local health departments to share services across municipal boundaries and movement of the SAPHE Act through the Joint Committee on Public Health and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.

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