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**South Dakota Senator Deb Peters to Lead NCSL**

**Boston** – Senator Deb Peters of South Dakota became the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) (NCSL) at the annual Legislative [Summit](#) in Boston.

Peters, a Republican, succeeds Democratic Senator Dan Blue of North Carolina. NCSL, a bipartisan organization that serves the nation’s 7,383 state lawmakers and more than 20,000 legislative staff throughout the country, alternates its leadership annually between the two parties.

“Having been involved with NCSL for many years, I am honored to serve as president of NCSL and work alongside fellow colleagues from around the nation,” said Peters. “Not only will I work over the next year to address issues like states’ rights, taxation and health care, which should transcend party lines, but I will also work with our Washington office to ensure federal policies are in line with state priorities.”

Peters has been representing District 9 in the South Dakota Senate since 2011. Before that, she served consecutively in the South Dakota House of Representatives beginning in 2005.

Recognized as one of Governing Magazine’s “Public Officials of the Year” in 2016, Peters serves as chair for the Government Operations and Audit Committee as well as an Appropriations member in the South Dakota Senate.

Peters has also been President of Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, an organization representing the 24 states that have simplified sales and use tax collection and administration. While involved with NCSL, Peters has been especially active in the Executive Committee's Task Force on State and Local Taxation of Communications and Electronic Commerce, Budgets and Revenue Committee, and the Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committees.

Peters lives in Hartford, S.D., with her husband Chris and two sons, Derick and Braden.

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