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State Senator Becomes Vice President of NCSL

Seattle— Senator Deb Peters (SD-R) has been elected vice president of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), a bipartisan organization that serves the nation’s 7,382 state lawmakers and legislative staff. Senator Peters took office at NCSL’s Legislative Summit in Seattle, Washington, August 6th.

The South Dakota Senator will serve one year as vice president, ascend to president-elect the following year, and then become president at the Legislative Summit in 2017. NCSL leadership alternates between parties every year.

“Having been an active member in NCSL, I look forward to this year, working as vice president of an organization that values states’ issues,” said Peters “NCSL is a place for bipartisan dialogue and a source of state power, which has been exemplified at this years’ Summit.”

Republican Senator Deb Peters has been representing District 9 in the South Dakota Senate since 2011. In the preceding years, she served consecutively in the South Dakota House of Representatives beginning in 2005.

During her time as a senator, she has focused on health and safety issues as well as e-fairness, becoming the Appropriations Chair and a member on the Government Operations & Audit Committee. Senator Peters most recently worked on the Main Street Fairness Act to limit burdens on retailers and encourage remote sellers to collect taxes, leveling the playing field. 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.

Senator Peters currently lives in Hartford, South Dakota with her husband, Chris and two sons, Derick and Braden.

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