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MOORE HONORED BY MASSACHUSETTS NURSES, POLICE

Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) has been recognized as “Freshman Legislator of the Year” by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, as well as “Legislator of the Year” by the Massachusetts Coalition of Police. Sen. Moore was honored by the MNA at their Annual Awards banquet on September 30, and by Mass. C.O.P. at their annual convention on September 17.

“Addressing the many obstacles and challenges faced by nurses in the workplace has been a priority of mine as a legislator. Nurses must already overcome daunting obstacles in the course of their daily work as they care for patients and save lives” said Sen. Moore, in accepting the award from the Nurses’ union. “The MNA works tirelessly to secure good working conditions for nurses, and by extension, a better quality of life – and, perhaps, life itself – for the patients they serve.”

Sen. Moore received the award for his work on behalf of nursing issues, including sponsoring Senate Bill 1753, “An Act Relative to Assault and Battery on Health Care Providers,” which would increase the criminal penalties levied against someone convicted of assaulting a nurse on the job. Sen. Moore has also worked with the MNA in trying to prevent the Department of Developmental Services from closing four of the Commonwealth’s six developmental centers, including the Irving A. Glavin Regional Center in Shrewsbury.

According to Lynne Starbard RN, Chair of the MNA Regional Council 2, “Senator Mike Moore has been a tremendous advocate for nurses, health care professionals and our patients. It is clear that his attention to all matters pertaining to the challenges that today’s health professionals and patients face are legislative priorities for him. Senator Moore is a legislator who is most deserving of an award recognizing his hard work on behalf of nurses, health care professionals and patients.”

Regarding receiving ‘Legislator of the Year Award’ by Mass C.O.P., Sen. Moore said, “I take great pride in this recognition, not only because of what the organization does but because of who they represent. Municipal police officers contribute so much to the cities and towns they serve, in terms of responding to emergency calls, preventing crime, and in performing community service.”

Moore accepted the award in front of several hundred Mass C.O.P. members at their annual convention. In his speech, Sen. Moore touched on a number of current issues affecting police officers, including state funding for law enforcement initiatives, legislation relative to police details, and ethics reform.

“It was a pleasure to have Senator Moore address our members. With his background as a former Environmental Police Officer, as well as an Executive Board member of the Massachusetts Police Association, he truly understands the needs and issues that our members face,” said Kenneth Scanzio, Executive Vice President and Legislative Director for the coalition. “We are proud of the work that he has done so far in the Senate.”

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