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Area Realtors® attend Realtor® Day on Beacon Hill



Realtors® from Pioneer Valley and central Massachusetts meet with Representative Todd Smola (left).

Springfield, MA – July 12, 2016: Over 400 Massachusetts Realtors® traveled to the State House on June 21 to participate in the 31st annual “Realtor® Day on Beacon Hill.” The Realtors® attended meetings and visited with lawmakers to discuss the key issues that impact consumers, housing and the economy. The Realtor® Association is the only group who actively represents homeowners and future homeowners to advocate for private property rights in Massachusetts. The 2016 keynote address was provided by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.

“The huge showing of Realtors® from across the state made the statement that our members are willing to speak up for their industry, private property rights and home buyers and sellers,” said 2016 MAR President Annie Blatz, branch executive at Kinlin Grover Real Estate on Cape

Cod. “We want to remind our legislators that keeping the American dream of homeownership accessible and affordable is a priority.”

“It is imperative we connect with our lawmakers to ensure they understand the issues that face the real estate industry and their constituents — many of whom are home and property owners,” said Lou Mayo, President of the Realtor® Association of Pioneer (RAPV).

“Supporting homeowners and property owners through smart legislation is so important for families, communities and the state’s economy, so we will continue to work with lawmakers to ensure they are protected,” said Richard Sawicki, President-Elect of RAPV.

Twenty-nine members and staff from the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley participated. The Pioneer Valley delegation included: Al Acuna, Elias Acuna, Maria Acuna, Kelly Bowman, Shawn Bowman, Carolanne Bright, Maureen Coughlan, Peter Davies, Greg Dibrindisi, Michael Dombrowski, Patti-Ann Dombrowski, Sue Drumm, Corinne Fitzgerald, Christine Garstka, Sara Gasparrini, Shelley Gutowski, Dawn Henry, Sharyn Jones, Susan Mangan, Lou Mayo, Sue Moore, Sonia Quiles, Brian Risler, Russ Sabadosa, Rick Sawicki, Ben Scranton, Brian Sears, Christie Shea and Clinton Stone.

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About the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley:

Organized in 1915, the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley is a professional trade organization with more than 1,600 members. The term REALTOR® is registered as the exclusive designation of members of the National Association of REALTORS® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics and enjoy continuing education programs.

Editors: The term Realtor® is properly spelled with an initial capital “R”, per the Associated Press Stylebook.

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