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MERIDEN AREA LEGISLATORS RETAIN PROMINENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

State Representatives **Cathy Abercrombie (**D-Meriden/Berlin), **Buddy Altobello** (D-Meriden) and **Hilda Santiago** (D-Meriden) have each received their committee assignments for the 2017 Legislative Session by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

While some of their committee assignments have changed, the lawmakers have each retained or received leadership promotions.

Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz (D-Berlin/Southington) said, "We are fortunate to have such a hard-working, dedicated group of legislators representing our region. Their passion to serve their communities along with their commitment to improving our entire state sets a high standard. I look forward to working with each representative, as well as collectively to meet the challenges we face ahead."

Rep. Abercrombie has retained her position as House Chair of the Human Services Committee and will serve on the Energy & Technology Committee, her new assignment. She will remain Chair of the Appropriations Human Services Sub-Committee.

"Serving as co-chair of the Human Services Committee is a great honor and I am grateful to Speaker Aresimowicz for allowing me to keep serving in this capacity," **Rep. Abercrombie** said. "While extremely challenging at times, the work in this committee is most rewarding. My number one focus is working to protect important programs for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. I look forward to keep working hard and looking for solutions to yet another challenging list of legislative priorities."

Rep. Altobello was appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker and will serve on the Transportation, General Law and Finance Revenue and Bonding Committees.

"The committees I am serving on will feature prominently this session and I am looking forward to productive months ahead as we work to address the important issues facing the state," **Rep. Altobello** said.

Rep. Santiago, who began serving her third legislative term, was promoted to Deputy Majority Leader and will continue to serve on the Human Services and the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees. Additionally, she has been appointed to serve on the General Administration and Elections Committee.

“I’m grateful to Speaker Aresimowicz for entrusting me with this leadership role,” **Rep. Santiago** said. “It is an honor to represent my constituents in this new capacity. I look forward to capitalizing on every opportunity I get to help move our state and our community forward.”

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