

SENATOR  
**JOAN**  
Lovely

As a woman, you understand that, **as women**, we must work a little harder.

Through my **hard work and commitment**, and the strong support of the communities I have the honor to represent, I have been able to be elected as a City Councillor in Salem, and then as your State Senator for the Second Essex District.

Through my hard work, I have made my way in the State Senate to the position of Assistant Majority Leader, as well as the Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, where I am able to influence the issues, **we face together**. I am also proud to be Senate Chair of the Women's Caucus and the Postpartum Depression Commission, two assignments where I am particularly focused on **women's issues**.

Additionally, as a woman legislator, mother, and grandmother, I have placed a particular emphasis on **children and families**, to devote my efforts on legislation relative to improving accountability and access to information and services. I have also been able to **enhance services** for persons with developmental disabilities, to **improve the lives** of these individuals and their families.

I have filed and passed legislation to:

- **Guarantee** our reproductive rights and access to contraceptive and abortion care.
- Keep **pregnant workers** from being fired from their jobs due to pregnancy.
- Prevent sexual abuse of children and youth by adults in positions of authority or trust.
- Ensure **safe drinking water** in our schools.
- Expand insurance coverage for 3-D mammograms and **breast cancer screening**.
- Expand equitable access to maternal postpartum care.
- Create **higher education opportunities** for students with developmental disabilities.
- Prevent bullying of elderly, disabled residents and veterans in public housing.
- Establish a model school policy on **suicide prevention**.
- Create a women's rights history trail.
- Establish a program to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders of pregnant and postpartum individuals.
- Expand access to adoption.

These are just a few of the issues I have been working on to improve lives across our district.

I love my job as your State Senator. My position allows me to have a **positive impact** on our communities every day. I respectfully ask for **your support and your vote** in the upcoming Primary on September 6th.

**Thank you.**

With my very best regards,

*Senator Joan Lovely*