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**National Democratic Legislative Leaders Convene in Newport**

*Annual Two-day Conference a First for the Ocean State; State Legislative Leaders from Across the Country in Attendance*

**WARWICK, RI** – More than 150 guests, including 50-plus state legislators from across the country, visited Newport this week for the state’s first-ever Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) Annual Meeting, Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair Joseph M. McNamara announced.

The annual meeting was held on Sunday, May 22, and Monday, May 23, and included workshops on important political issues in this election cycle. Senate President M. Paiva Weed, Reps. Marvin Abney and Lauren Carson, Attorney General Peter Kilmartin and Democratic Chair Joseph M. McNamara presented at the two-day conference.

“We are delighted to bring DLCC’s Annual Meeting to Rhode Island this year, and we’re so grateful for the hospitality of the Ocean State and its legislative leaders,” said DLCC Chair and Iowa Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal. “Speaker Mattiello, President Weed, and Chair McNamara are invaluable partners, and we are pleased that our legislators and partners have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the great work Democrats are doing here.”

“This is an exciting opportunity for Rhode Island’s Democratic legislators to get the essential tools they need for upcoming races, and in return, show the pivotal role we play in elections up and down the ballot,” said Chair McNamara. “Equally as important, it gives us a chance to talk about the issues facing Rhode Islanders today and showcase the Ocean State for all it has to offer.”

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