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**Representative Straus appointed Chair of UMass Cranberry Station  
Board of Oversight**

(Boston, MA) Representative Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) is pleased to announce that on Friday, March 20, 2015, he was appointed Chairman of the University of Massachusetts' Cranberry Station Board of Oversight, during the panel's quarterly meeting held at the research station in Wareham.

"The Cranberry Station Board of Oversight is of great interest and importance to me and my district. I have served as a member of this Board for a number of years and am honored to be appointed as Chair for 2015. I look forward to continuing to advocate for this issue at the state level," said Rep. Straus. Representative Straus replaces former Chair Therese Murray who served on the panel during her tenure in the Massachusetts Senate. The state Senate is now represented on the Board by Senator Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport).

The Board of Oversight was first created in 1994 via legislation to advise and assist the President of UMass in the management of the Station and is charged with maintaining the scientific credibility of the Station and keeping the focus of the Station on its mission to promote the viability of Massachusetts grown cranberries.