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Deputy Senate Republican Leader Eric Berthel was elected to represent the 32nd Senatorial District in a special election on Feb. 28, 2017, which includes the towns of Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Roxbury, Seymour, Southbury, Washington, Watertown and Woodbury. He is now in his second term serving the 32nd State Senatorial District.

Prior to that, he represented the 68th House District serving Watertown, Oakville and Woodbury.

Senator Berthel was reappointed to serve as the Republican ranking member on the legislature's Banks and Education Committees. In addition, Sen. Berthel will serve as ranking member on the legislature's Human Services Committee and will continue service on the legislature's Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Eric was born in Brooklyn, New York and has lived in Connecticut since 1976. He is a graduate of Pomperaug Regional High School in Southbury, holds a Bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College and Master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. He and his wife Krista have lived in Watertown since 1998 with their two boys, Matthew and Paul.

He has demonstrated his commitment to serve through his extensive involvement with the Watertown Board of Education during the last few years. In addition to the regular work of the Board, he has participated in all of the Board subcommittees, served as a chair of four of those subcommittees, served as Board Secretary and as Vice Chairman. He was also the Board liaison for three of five schools in Watertown and Oakville. In 2013, he was appointed to the special subcommittee for the evaluation of the Superintendent and in 2014 to the special subcommittee for the search for the new Superintendent.

His entire working career has been focused on healthcare communications, public relations, marketing and business development. He and his wife also owned a small retail business in Watertown. He presently works for Post University.

He is an active member of the Watertown Republican Town Committee. In 2013, he was elected by the delegates of the 10 towns in the 32nd Senatorial District to represent the district as a member of the Republican State Central Committee (SCC).

In 2013, State Senator Rob Kane (R-32) appointed Eric to the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, Connecticut General Assembly.

Eric served for two terms on the Board of Directors of the Hartford Healthcare Federal Credit Union and as the Board Treasurer.

He is a member of the Cercemaggiore Italian Community Club in Oakville. He has served since 2016 as the Unit Commander for the Brass City Unit of the Young Marines Youth Organization.

In 2018, Eric was presented with the "Legislator of the Year" award by the Waterbury Regional Chamber in honor of his pro-business advocacy at the State Capitol.

