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Citizens Massachusetts President Lisa Murray elected as Chair of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable

Yesterday, the Massachusetts Business Roundtable's Board of Directors unanimously voted to elect Lisa Murray, Massachusetts President for Citizens, to serve as Chair during its 43rd Annual Meeting. Murray succeeds Jane Steinmetz, Boston Office Managing Principal for Ernst & Young, who served a two-year term from 2021-2023. The Roundtable is a nonprofit, member-driven, public policy organization comprising CEOs and senior executives, and representing large employers and diverse industries statewide.

Murray takes on this new leadership role during a time of increased urgency for Massachusetts to build upon its economic advantages and strengthen its long-term competitive advantage. On the state level, the Roundtable works closely with the Healey-Driscoll Administration, the legislature, and other stakeholders to advance policy priorities and initiatives that create an inclusive, affordable, and competitive place for workers, residents, and businesses to call home.

"Massachusetts has so many advantages as a place to live, work and do business, but we also face challenges and need to work together to tackle them," said Chair Murray. "As an adviser and strategic partner, I help clients navigate changing circumstances and achieve their goals. I will bring that business acumen to this new role and am honored to help lead the Roundtable's efforts as a strong advocate for Massachusetts."

The Roundtable's <u>Talent Agenda</u>, focused on strategies to recruit, retain, develop, and diversify talent pipelines in the Commonwealth, will be a top priority for Chair Murray. This will also include a continued focus on housing, transportation, and child care as policy issues that impact employers' ability to attract and retain talent here in Massachusetts. Citizens has a history of delivering innovative solutions to provide resources to many low-to-moderate income communities in the Commonwealth. Since 2022, Chair Murray championed the development of a "<u>Childcare Startup Grant"</u> program, with the State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, which creates



more opportunities for learners and demonstrates a powerful public/private partnership model for scale.

"The Roundtable is excited to welcome Lisa as Chair, and we thank Jane Steinmetz for her thoughtful and influential leadership," said JD Chesloff, President & CEO of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable. "Now, more than ever, the business community must partner with state leaders to address some of the biggest challenges facing the Commonwealth. With Lisa as Chair, the Roundtable is well positioned to take our member-driven message around competitiveness to help create a state where both people and employers can thrive."

About The Massachusetts Business Roundtable

The Massachusetts Business Roundtable is a public policy organization comprised of Chief Executive Officers and Senior Executives from some of the state's largest employers representing over 250,000 Massachusetts employees. The mission of the Roundtable is to make Massachusetts the most desirable place to live, work and do business by engaging private sector executives and public leaders to ensure access to a robust, diverse, and talented workforce that enhances the Commonwealth's competitiveness in a global economy. For more information about the Roundtable, visit maroundtable.com. For the latest updates and news on the Roundtable, follow on Twitter @MABizRoundtable.

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