



Senator Richard T. Moore

Health policy expert, environmental leader, social policy advocate, and educational administrator, Richard T. Moore has served in numerous elected and appointed positions in local, state, and national governments and the non-profit sector over a fifty-year career filled with significant accomplishments.

Senator Moore is part of the leadership team of Dignity Alliance Massachusetts, a grass-roots coalition of aging and disability service and advocacy organizations and supporters, dedicated to securing fundamental changes in the provision of long-term services, support, and care. The coalition is pursuing an array of efforts to secure new public policies and to expand access to essential service, care options, and living alternatives emphasizing the dignity of those receiving the care as well as those providing it. He is a member of the group's Coordinating Committee and chairs its Legislative Work Group.

After leaving the Massachusetts Senate in 2015, Senator Moore led the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association, (Mass-ALA) a not-for-profit association, dedicated to professionally operated assisted living residences in Massachusetts that provide housing and services for individuals with varied needs and income levels.

Mass-ALA serves as the voice of assisted living in Massachusetts, providing information and education, and advocating on behalf of our members and the seniors they serve. Mass-ALA promotes a model of care which treats all residents with dignity, provides privacy and encourages independence and freedom of choice. The association leads the assisted living industry in its service of seniors through advocacy, education, operational support, and enhanced growth opportunities

Currently, Senator Moore serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc (BHC). He has been in the leadership of the Corridor since its establishment by Congress in 1986 and was the first chairman of the federal commission that preceded the creation of the non-profit successor to the commission. The Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor is one of 55 current national heritage areas, and was the second to be

established by Congress. The whole purpose of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor is to preserve its considerable heritage as, the birthplace of America's Industrial Revolution. BHC is Congressionally-mandated as the "local coordinating entity" for the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, one of America's newest national parks.

Senator Moore has served on the Board of Trustees of Nichols College since 1998. He also was a member of the Quinsigamond Community College Board of Trustees (1970 – 1975) and chaired that board in his final year. Prior to that role, Senator Moore was an initial member of the Board of the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (now the Health and Educational Financing Authority), and served as the first Secretary of the board. Prior to entering the Massachusetts Legislature in 1977, he was employed at Bentley College (now Bentley University) as Assistant to the President and Secretary of the College Corporation for seven years, where he was the principal administrator responsible for amending the college charter to expand its offerings and, later, to add graduate programs. He came to Bentley following a two-year stint as Associated Dean of Students at Assumption College (now Assumption University) where he chaired the College's move from an all-male institution to a coeducational one – a move that, arguably helped the college survive difficult financial times.

Although he held the leadership role of President Pro Tempore of the Senate when he left public office, much of Senator Moore's tenure in the Massachusetts Senate was as the Legislature's point-person on health care – one of the Commonwealth's primary economic sectors.

As Senate Chairman of the Massachusetts Legislature's Committee on Health Care Financing, Senator Moore was in the forefront of issues affecting the health of the people of Massachusetts since his appointment in 1999. His imprint can be found on nearly every piece of health care legislation enacted in Massachusetts from 2000 – 2014.

Perhaps, Senator Moore's greatest health policy achievement was his pivotal role in creating legislation designed to expand access to health care to every resident of Massachusetts. He was the primary sponsor of two of the major bills, and numerous other pieces of legislation, on which the landmark Massachusetts Health Reform Law (C. 58 of the Acts of 2006) is based. Moore also served as the Senate's point person as Senate Chair of the legislative conference committee that produced the final product that has become a catalyst and, to some degree, a national model for health reform efforts across the Nation. Many health experts have said that the primary benefit of the Massachusetts law was to demonstrate that virtually universal health coverage is possible at least at a state level. An especially remarkable feature of the reform effort was the broad-based coalition that Moore helped to forge along the road to passage. Unlike the federal health reform law, the Massachusetts plan was bi-partisan, and one in which all of the many – often competing – interests in health care both gained and compromised.

Senator Moore was President of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the association of the nation's 7328 state legislators and legislative staffs. NCSL provides research, training, technical assistance, and opportunities for policy makers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. NCSL is considered the most effective and respected advocate for the interests of state government before the Congress and federal agencies.

Senator Moore developed a program to link needy seniors with free drug programs offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers. The Mass Medline program funded by the state and operated by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences now MCPHS University) helped to provide millions of dollars of urgently needed drugs to Massachusetts senior citizens since its inception. Senator Moore's efforts for this program were recognized in 2007 when the college awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Mr. Moore earned a bachelor's degree (1966) in history from Clark University in Worcester and a Master's Degree in Student Personnel Administration (1967) from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. Married for the past 43 years to the former Joanne Bednarz, Senator Moore and his wife live in Uxbridge, Massachusetts with two elderly cats – Maya and Olivene, and have cared for more than twenty displaced felines over the years.