DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)1.

	NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of **non-elected** public employee:	Kate Cook
Title/ Position	Chief of Staff
Agency/ Department	Governor's Office
Agency address:	24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	[redacted]
Office e-mail:	Kate.r.cook@mass.gov
Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: _X__ I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and _X__ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than $50.
	ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	The Winter Meeting is the most well-attended annual gathering of the nation's Governors and serves as a forum for bipartisan coordination on pressing issues including infrastructure investment, economic growth, workforce development, and healthcare solutions.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will attend a series of panel discussions where topics include workforce development, education, global security, and importance of bipartisan leadership.
Date, time and location of activity.	Thursday, February 20 – Saturday, February 22, 2025, Washington, DC
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	By participating in conference programing, I will be able to connect with various leaders of state government and develop collaborative interstate relationships. Additionally, I will have the opportunity to participate in a series of solutions-driven policy conversations, as well as to engage with partners from the federal government and leaders from the business and philanthropic communities.

	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	National Governor's Association
Address of person or organization.	444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267, Washington, D.C. 20001
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	***Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:***
Transportation:	*Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.* N/A
Lodging:	*Overnight accommodations.* Hotel (2 nights): $454.52
Meals:	*Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.* N/A
Admission:	*Registration, admission, tickets, etc.* $450
Other (please list):	*Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.* N/A
Total:	$904.52
Write an X beside any statement that applies.	**____ I have attached the relevant itinerary.** **____ I have attached the relevant agenda.**
Employee signature:	Kate Cook
Date:	2/24/25

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Complete the disclosure and submit it to your appointing authority.

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Maura T. Healey
Agency and Title/Position:	Office of the Governor/Governor
Agency address:	24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	617-725-4000
Employee who filed the disclosure:	Kate Cook
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check <u>both</u> statements.	Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that: _x__ Acceptance of the reimbursement, waiver or payment of travel expenses will serve a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND _x__ Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to the employee or the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.
Reason that the employee's travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	By attending this conference, Kate can assist myself and our team by hearing from and connecting with other state leaders on a wide range of issues including but not limited to workforce development, education, and the importance of bipartisan leadership.
Appointing Authority signature:	Maura T. Healey
Date:	2/13/

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The appointing authority should maintain the disclosure as a public record and give a copy of any signed determination to the employee.