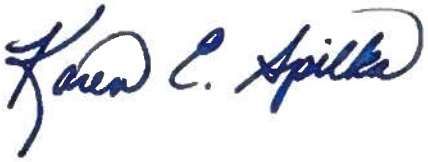
DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of **elected** public employee:	Karen E. Spilka
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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 Senate Presidents' Forum Member Meeting
Describe your participation in the activity.	The Senate Presidents' Forum is a nonprofit organization that provides a nonpartisan space where State Senate leaders can meet to consider and engage on issues and challenges facing their states. Specifically, the Senate Presidents' Forum hosts meetings where legislative leaders engage in open and productive discussions, leveraging their shared experiences and gaining insight from each other and industry experts on issues. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of this organization. The Senate Presidents' Forum is hosting one of its educational meetings – the Fall Forum – in Burlington, Vermont, from October 4-7, 2026. As a member of this organization, I will be participating in this meeting.
Date, time and location of activity.	October 4-7, 2026 Hotel Champlain Burlington 60 Battery Street Burlington, Vermont 05401
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	Participants at this meeting will engage in discussions on topics relevant to their states, including, but not limited to, (i) challenges and opportunities with respect to strengthening access to, improving delivery of, and supporting rural healthcare; (ii) how workplace pathways programs can expand access to healthcare careers; (iii) the

	rising costs and limited availability of childcare; (iv) the cost implications of deferred maintenance for roads, bridges and other public infrastructure; and (v) issues related to prediction markets. My participation in this meeting and the discussions I will be engaging in will inform and strengthen my ability to develop policy solutions to challenges facing the Commonwealth and its residents.
	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	The Senate Presidents' Forum
Address of person or organization.	1100 Johnson Road Suite 16055 Golden, CO 80402
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.*
Lodging:	*Overnight accommodations.* $ 1,268.61 (3 nights)
Meals:	*Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.*
Admission:	*Registration, admission, tickets, etc.*
Other (please list):	*Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.*
Total:	I will file a reconciliation form once I receive the final amounts being covered by the Senate Presidents' Forum.
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	**____ I have attached the relevant itinerary.** **_X__ I have attached the relevant agenda.**
For the exemption to apply, check off <u>both</u> <u>statements</u>.	**Having disclosed the facts above, I determine 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 me or to the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.
Employee signature:	

Date:	October 2, 2026

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

SENATE presidents' FORUM

SPF Fall Forum
Burlington, Vermont
October 4-7, 2026

Sunday, October 4

from 4:00 pm	Arrivals/Check-in **Hotel Champlain** 60 Battery St Burlington, VT 05401
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	**Board Meeting *(directors only)*** The Vermont Room
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	**Welcome Reception** Mezzanine

Monday, October 5

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	**Welcome/Opening Remarks** Caroline Carlson, SPF Executive Director Senator Rod Bray, SPF Board Chair, IN Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Vermont welcome John Cullerton, SPF Moderator
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**Rural Healthcare** Hemi Tewarson, Executive Director The National Academy for State Health Policy
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Healthcare Workforce Pathways** Barb Clapp, CEO Dwyer Workforce Development
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45 a.m. – 12 noon	**The Cost of Childcare** Dr. AJ Griffin, CEO Potts Family Foundation Senator Jane Kitchel Former Appropriations Chair, Vermont (retired)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	**Afternoon Activities** Spirit of Ethan Allen boat tour Vermont Capitol Visit - Montpelier

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Dinner** Waterworks
Tuesday, October 6	
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**The Cost of Deferred Maintenance** David Draine, Principal Officer Pew Charitable Trusts
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Prediction Markets** Marvin Yates, Vice President, Strategic Government Relations, MultiState Associates
10:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	**History that Doesn't Suck** – Professor Greg Jackson Utah Valley University
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	**Afternoon Activities** Shelburne Museum Wine Tasting Sail Lake Champlain
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Closing Dinner** Maquam Barn
Wednesday, October 7	
from 11:00 a.m.	**Check out and Departures**

Session Descriptions –

Rural Healthcare

Hemi Tewarson, Executive Director
National Academy for State Health Policy

Description: Join Hemi Tewarson, JD, MPH, for a timely discussion on the challenges and opportunities shaping rural healthcare. As Executive Director of the National Academy for State Health Policy, Tewarson brings deep experience working with state leaders on Medicaid, coverage, health care costs, workforce, public health modernization, and health equity. This session will explore practical policy approaches states can use to strengthen access, improve care delivery, and support healthier rural communities.

Healthcare Workforce Pathways

Barb Clapp, CEO
Dwyer Workforce Development

Description: Barb Clapp, CEO of Dwyer Workforce Development, will examine how workforce pathway programs can expand access to healthcare careers while addressing critical staffing shortages. Drawing on her leadership of a national nonprofit that provides CNA/GNA training, wraparound services, case management, and long-term career support, Clapp will share how workforce models can open doors for individuals facing systemic barriers and strengthen the healthcare workforce.

The Cost of Childcare

Dr. AJ Griffin – CEO
Potts Family Foundation

Senator Jane Kitchel
Chair Senate Committee on Appropriations, VT, retired

Description: Dr. AJ Griffin will dig into one of the most urgent issues facing families, employers, and state economies: the rising cost and limited availability of childcare. This session will explore why childcare has become an economic development issue, what factors are driving the costs, and how policy and community-based solutions can improve affordability, expand capacity, and better support families, employers and kids. In addition, retired Senator Jane Kitchel will share her experience passing Vermont's Child Care Contribution – a 2024 state payroll and self-employment tax created to fund the Child Care Financial Assistance Program which subsidizes childcare costs for eligible families.

The Cost of Deferred Maintenance

David Draine, Principal Officer
Pew Charitable Trusts

Description: David Draine, Principal Officer with The Pew Charitable Trusts' state fiscal policy project, will provide an overview of the fiscal pressures associated with deferred maintenance for roads, bridges, and other public infrastructure. Drawing on Pew's work on long-term liabilities and state fiscal sustainability, Draine will outline key considerations for policymakers as they assess transportation funding needs, competing priorities, and the budgetary implications of delaying investment.

Prediction Markets

Marvin Yates, Vice President,
Strategic Government Relations,
MultiState Associates

Description: Marvin Yates will take attendees inside the fast-growing world of predictive markets—where people use real money, data, and public sentiment to forecast everything from elections to economic trends. As these platforms gain attention, they are raising new questions for state policymakers about regulation, consumer protection, market integrity, and the ultimate question – is this gaming?

History that Doesn't Suck

Professor Greg Jackson
Utah Valley University

Description: Professor Greg Jackson, creator and host of the top history podcast *History That Doesn't Suck*, brings American history to life through rigorous research, dynamic storytelling, and multimedia performance. A tenured Associate Professor at Utah Valley University and America 250 Professor in the Center for Constitutional Studies, Jackson will draw on his work as a historian, educator, podcast host, and national stage presenter to offer an engaging look at the people, conflicts, and turning points that shaped the American story.