



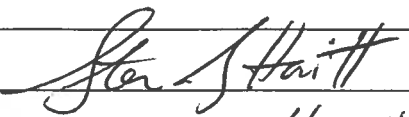


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF FREE OR DISCOUNTED TRAVEL OR ADMISSION
AS REQUIRED BY G.L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3) and 930 C.M.R. § 5.05**

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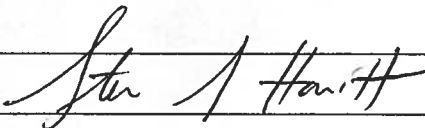
Name of employee:	Steven Howitt
Title/ Position	State Rep.
Agency:	HOUSE OF REPS.
Agency address:	STATE HOUSE, BOSTON MA 02133
Office phone:	617-722-2305
What was offered? (Check appropriate response.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Free or discounted travel and lodging expenses, including meals, that serve legitimate public purposes and have a value of \$50 or more; <input type="checkbox"/> Travel expenses related to a legitimate speaking engagement, covering only the day(s) on which I had participation or presentation responsibilities or the day(s) I had to travel to the location of the speech and return to the Commonwealth; or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free or discounted admission, having a value of \$50 or more.
Identify the person or organization that made the offer.	AIPAC New ENGLAND 617-399-2562
Address of person or organization.	Boston, MA
Location of travel or event.	Boston, MA Westin Copley Place 10 Huntington Ave
Description and purpose of event in which you will participate:	AIPAC NEW ENGLAND Leadership Dinner

Provide information in as much detail as possible:	Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:
Transportation:	
Lodging:	
Meals:	
Admission:	
Other (please list):	
Total:	200
Please acknowledge with a check mark:	<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant itinerary. <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant agenda.
Employee signature:	
Date:	4-24-12

Event on May 6 @ 5:30 PM

An elected public employee should sign the statement below.

STATEMENT BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Please acknowledge <u>both statements</u> with a check mark.	Having disclosed the facts above, I hereby state <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> that the travel expenses or attendance at the event serve a legitimate public purpose; AND </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> that the benefit to the government of my participation outweighs any non-work related benefit to me or the private sponsor, taking into account the extent to which the free or discounted travel or admission may convey an appearance of special benefit for me. </div>
Reason that my proposed travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> Foster better relations with Israel and the Jewish community within the MA legislature. </div>
Signature:	<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em;">  </div>
Date:	<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> 4-24-12 </div>

"Legitimate public purpose" means the promotion of tourism, economic development and other activities to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; attendance at training and educational events designed to improve the efficiencies and effectiveness of public services or to enhance the knowledge and skills of public employees relative to their official duties; business travel necessary to make informed purchasing decisions, selections and inspections; and similar public purposes.

An elected state or county employee should file the signed form with the State Ethics Commission.

An elected municipal employee should file the signed form with the city or town clerk.

Attach additional pages if necessary.