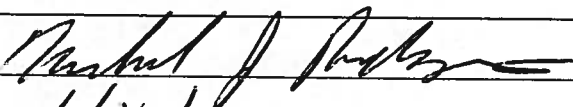


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE  
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

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ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of elected public employee:	Michael J. Rodrigues
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts Senate
Agency address:	Massachusetts State House
Office phone:	617-722-1114
Office e-mail:	Michael.Rodrigues@masenate.gov
<b>Write an X to confirm each statement.</b>	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.</p>
ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE	
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	I will be traveling to Cascais, Portugal to attend the First World Meeting of Elected Officials of Portuguese Descent.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will be attending conferences and learning how elected officials can better communicate and collaborate with Portugal and the Portuguese community.
Date, time and location of activity.	<p>Cultural Tour- June 23, 2012</p> <p>Conference- June 24 and June 25, 2012, Cultural Center of Cascais, Cascais, Portugal.</p>
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	The district that I represent has a large Portuguese community and attending this conference will assist me in representing my constituents and promoting the interests of the Portuguese community that I represent. Also, the conference will be attended by participants from around the world to exchange ideas on a range of issues that can benefit the Commonwealth, including health care and education.

<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>	
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Mr. José Cesário, Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities, and Mr. Carlos Morais, Administrator of the weekly newspaper "O EMIGRANTE/MUNDO PORTUGUÊS"
Address of person or organization.	Av. Elias Garcia, 57-s/1, 1049-017 Lisboa, Portugal
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<b>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</b>
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> Round trip airfare from Boston to Lisbon, Lufthansa Airlines- 1150 Euro
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> Estalagem Muchaxo Hotel, Estrada Do Guincho, Cascais - 400 Euro
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> 2 dinners and 2 lunches will be provided - 120 Euro
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i> Cultural Tour- 50 Euro
Total:	1720 Euro
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant itinerary. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off <u>both statements.</u>	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:	6/21/12

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.

I WORLD MEETING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF PORTUGUESE DESCENT

June 22 - Friday

Arrival to Portugal - Cascais

June 23 - Saturday

Sightseeing Visit - Sintra + Cascais -OPTIONAL

- 08H45 Meeting at the Hotel Hall
- 09H00 Departure from the Hotel to Sintra
- 09H30 Visit to "Palácio da Vila"
- 11H00 Visit to "PIRIQUITA" - with traditional confectionery "Travesseiros" and "Queijadas de Sintra"
- 12H00 Visit to "Palácio da Pena"
- 13H15 Lunch at the restaurant "Curral dos Caprinos" (Várzea de Sintra)
- 15H00 Departure to Colares with a stop at Cape Roca
- 15H30 Departure to Cascais through Guincho Beach
- 16H30 Visit to a tourist sight Boca do Inferno (Hell's Mouth)
- 17H30 End of the visit and return to the Hotel - free time
- 19H30 Dinner

JUNE 24 - SUNDAY

- 09H30 1<sup>st</sup> Panel: "The Importance of Elected Officials of Portuguese Descent in the promotion of Modern Portugal"
- 11H00 Coffee Break
- 11H30 Continuation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Panel: "The Importance of Elected Officials of Portuguese Descent in the promotion of Modern Portugal" (Panelist: State Rep Tony Cabral)
- 13H00 Lunch
- 14H30 Secretary of State for the Portuguese Communities, Dr José Cesário
- 16H00 visit University of Massachusetts in Lisbon, ISCTE  
Prof Michael Brown
- 19H30 Dinner, Prof Mariano Gago, former Minister for Science and Technology and Higher Education

JUNE 25, MONDAY

Visit to the *Instituto Superior Técnico Lisboa*

Plan of the visit to IST of senior Luso-American politicians of Massachusetts

(Draft, to be confirmed)

11:00am-1:00pm

Delegation:

Senator Marc Pacheco: <http://www.malegislature.gov/People/Profile/MRP0>

Senator Michael Rodrigues: <http://www.malegislature.gov/People/Profile/MJRO>

State Rep Tony Cabral: <http://www.malegislature.gov/People/Profile/MRP0>

Hosted by Manuela Bairos, Chief of Staff, Sec. of State for Portuguese Communities, MNE

Plan for the visit: IST Campus at Alameda (Lisbon)

10:30am - Reception at Main Entrance (Central Pavilion)

Meeting with IST's President, Arlindo Oliveira and Vice-President for International Affairs, Jose Alberto Victor

11:15am - Visit to "Institute of Bioengineering and Biology" and meeting with researchers involved in the MIT-Portugal's program on "Bioengineering Systems" and in advanced stem cells research in collaboration with the Lisbon Cancer Hospital.

Joaquim Sampaio Cabral, IBB, Bioengineering Department (South Tour)

12:00am - Visit to the Center for Innovation Technology and Policy Research, IN+, and meeting with researchers involved in the MIT-Portugal's program on "Sustainable Energy Systems" and the project "Green Islands", at the Azores Islands.  
Carlos Silva and Miguel Carvalho, IN+, Dept. Mech. Engineering

1:00pm - Closure

1:30 - lunch (w. Mario Mesquita FLAD)

3:pm - Visit to the Luso-American Foundation

4:30 - meeting with the Secretary of State for Innovation, Dr Carlos Oliveira

5:00 - meeting friendship group USA-Portugal, Assembleia da República (to be confirmed)

7:30 - Dinner Cascais