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State Ethics Commission One Ashburton Place Room 619 Boston, MA 02108

Re:

Disclosure of Financial Interest in Pending Litigation with State

Dear Members of the State Ethics Commission:

I am writing this letter out of an abundance of caution to avoid even the appearance of impropriety in connection with my public service. On March 6, 2012, the Supreme Judicial Court will hear argument on the matter of Murphy v. Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. The case challenges the constitutionality of the practice of diverting a majority of toll revenues from I-90 to pay for the costs of operation of I-93.

This case arose from my law partnership at Duane Morris LLP before my legislative work in which I referred the case to trial counsel and Duane Morris will receive a standard referral fee from the proceeds of any recovery in the case. I resigned my partnership at Duane Morris in anticipation of my election as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Duane Morris and I have reached an agreement where I will receive a portion of any referral fee it receives from the case as part of my separation from the firm.

Please note that I already have sought and received clearance from the Commission's legal staff to participate as a legislator in matters affecting toll revenue or transportation policy. It is my intention, however, to recuse myself from participating in any legislation that directly arises from or relates to any fiscal impacts from this case.

Kindly keep a copy of this letter available for public review as requested.

Respectfully,

Daniel B. Wenslow (Im)

Cc: House Clerk (by hand)