


**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

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	STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name:	Stephanie Gunselman
Title or Position:	General Counsel
State Agency:	Senate Committee on Ways and Means Massachusetts State Senate
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	My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
	PARTICULAR MATTER
Particular matter E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	Please describe the particular matter. Amendment #133 of the Senate Budget would decrease the contribution percentage of state employees hired after July 1, 2003 who participate in the Group Insurance Commission from 25% to 20%. Because I am a state employee, who began state service after July 1, 2003 and I intend to obtain health insurance through the GIC, this change would have a financial impact on me.
Your required participation in the particular matter: E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	In my role as General Counsel, I make recommendations and provide advice to the Chair of Senate Ways and Means on most non-funding related amendments proposed to the Senate budget. Additionally, I will work on the conference committee negotiations if this provision is adopted in the Senate budget.
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER
Write an X by all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.

Financial interest in the matter	Amendment #133 would reduce my share of my health insurance costs. It is not clear how much my monthly contributions would be reduced.
Employee signature:	
Date:	May 15, 2015

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	KAREN SPILKA
Title or Position:	SENATOR
Agency/Department:	SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Agency Address:	Room 212 STATE HOUSE
Office Phone:	617-722-1481
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	DETERMINATION
Determination by appointing authority: Write an X by your selection.	<p>As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 6, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.</p>
Appointing Authority signature:	Karen E Spilka by Mary Ann J. Padua
Date:	5-15-2015
Comment:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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