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Deirdre Roney
General Counsel
State Ethics Commission
One Ashburton Place, Room 619
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Deirdre:

Attached is a travel disclosure and a reconciliation statement from Senator Ross. The original disclosure was filed with the Senate Clerk prior to the Senator traveling to Israel. He has now decided, out of an abundance of caution, to file the same disclosure, along with the reconciliation statement with the State Ethics Commission.

Please see the attached disclosure and reconciliation statement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Grace Miller
Counsel to the Senate

Enclosure

✓ cc: Karen L. Nober, Executive Director, State Ethics Commission

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**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:	Richard J. Ross
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	MA State Senate
Agency address:	Rm 419, Massachusetts State House Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	617-722-1555
Office e-mail:	Richard.Ross@MASenate.Gov.
Write an X to confirm each statement.	<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.	Senate venture FOSTERING US Israeli relations and growth in trade.
Describe your participation in the activity.	Promotion and discussion
Date, time and location of activity.	Dec 3, 2015 - Dec 13, 2015
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	High level elected officials promoting a mutually beneficial relationship between Israel and the Commonwealth of Mass

TRAVEL EXPENSES	
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON.
Address of person or organization.	126 High Street, Boston, Ma 02110
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. \$1,015.36 airline
Lodging:	Overnight accommodations.
Meals:	Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events. Vet-Trip meal + Orientation \$40.00 Post-Trip meal \$21.00
Admission:	Registration, admission, tickets, etc.
Other (please list):	Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc. Ground transportation, food, driver, guide, hotel, speaker, etc visits, admission \$3,430.00
Total:	\$4,171.36
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant itinerary. <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off both statements.	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:	Richard G. Ross
Date:	Nov. 13, 2015

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.

Desrosiers, Katherine (SEN)

From: Bourque, Molly (SEN)
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Desrosiers, Katherine (SEN)
Subject: Fwd: Pre-trip disclosure information

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alex Friedman <afriedman@icrcboston.org>
Date: November 10, 2015 at 3:35:51 PM EST
To: "Richard.Ross@masenate.gov" <richard.ross@masenate.gov>
Cc: "molly.bourque@masenate.gov" <molly.bourque@masenate.gov>
Subject: Pre-trip disclosure information

Good Afternoon,

For your disclosure purposes, below please find our pre-trip estimates of the costs for our 2015 Israel Study Tour.

We have been reminded that the disclosure needs to be filed before you travel and that you can contact Senate Counsel or the State Ethics Commission for assistance.

As you will notice, all Lodging, Meals, and Admission are covered under Other. We will also be providing you with finalized information about trip costs after the trip returns.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Name: Richard Ross	
Item	Estimated amount
Transportation	\$1,015.36
Lodging	See Other
Meals	See Other
Admission	See Other
Other (Ground transportation, food, driver, guide, hotel, speakers, site visits)	\$3,430.00
Pre-trip orientation and meal	\$40.00
Post-trip meal	\$21.00
Enrolment Fee	-200
Tip for driver and guide	-135
Double Occupancy	0
Subsidy	\$4,171.36

Alex Friedman
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* whatcha gonna do.

program dated: November 19 , 2015

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COMMUNITY LEADERS STUDY TOUR

December 3-13, 2015

Day One: Thursday, December 3, 2015

DEPARTURE 5:45 Check in

- 8:15 p.m. Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, December 4, 2015

ARRIVAL

- 2:15 p.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport on LY 016.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet with **Mike Hollander**, your tour educator, and depart the airport for **Jerusalem**.
- **Welcome to Jerusalem** - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- Check into the hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. **Home Hospitality Shabbat dinner** with Ruti and Yossi Yudkovitz.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

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Day Five: Monday, December 7, 2015 - Hanukah First Candle lighting

MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE & REALITY ON THE GROUND

- Breakfast at the hotel. *Jerusalem*
- 8:00 a.m. *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society: Dialogue with Holocaust scholar, Dr. Rachel Korazim.* *(new)*
- 9:30 a.m. Guided visit through **Yad Vashem**, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The new Historical Museum
 - The Children's Memorial
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own, en route.
- 1:00 p.m. ***The Geopolitics of Jerusalem*** - **ירושלים: ובליבה חומה**: Travel through the city of Jerusalem exploring some of the political and diplomatic complexities of recent years; drive around the seam zone, with an in-depth study seminar on the ramifications of current developments with **Col. (Res.) Danny Tirza**, one of the seam zone's designers.
- 3:30 p.m. Visit **SifTech**, the Jerusalem Entrepreneurship Club, located in the **JVP Media Quarter** and gain insight into the world of Israeli startups and meeting with members.
- 7:00 p.m. **Challenges and Achievements: Dinner** at the **Piccolino restaurant**, with members of the Yerushalmit movement, and with Rabbi **Aaron Leibovitz**, City Council Member, together with **Jerusalem activists**. *(names TBC)*

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

Day Six: Tuesday, December 8, 2015

BUILDING A SHARED SOCIETY

- Breakfast at the hotel. *Blazer?*
- Check out of the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. ***The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics***: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- 10:00 p.m. Take a VIP tour of the **Knesset** (Israel's parliament) and meet with **MK Roy Folkman from Kulanu party and MK (TBA)** to discuss current political issues. *(Michael Oren, Avi Dichter, Ofir Akunis, Yuli Edelstein, Anat Berko) (TBC)*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own.
- Drive north along the **Trans-Israel Highway** for a close-up view of the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- 2:30 p.m. ***Living as a Minority in the Jewish State***: Meet with **Professor Dalia Fadila**, President of the Technology and Science College of Baqa al Garbia, for a tour of the campus and conversation on the reality of Arabs living in Israel, success and challenge and what it means to be the first Arab woman to be nominated president of an institution of higher education in Israel.
- Stop on the top of **Mount Carmel** for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay.
- Check into the hotel in **Haifa**.
- 7:00 p.m. Processing session over a private dinner at the **Fatush restaurant** in Haifa.

Overnight: Colony Haifa

Haifa
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Day Nine: Friday, December 11, 2015

CHALLENGES IN THE SOUTH AND CENTER

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to the South.
- 9:00 a.m. Meet with **Dr. Tali Levanon**, Director of Sderot's Mental Health Center, or with a representative from the Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC). (TBC)
- 11:00 a.m. *Living on the Edge*: Visit **Moshav Netiv Ha'asarah**, located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, for an insight into the security complexities of Israel's withdrawal from Gaza while trying to create a thriving home, including a dialogue with a resident.
- Lunch en route.
- **LaDa'at Ethnic Tasting Tour** through Tel Aviv's famous **Levinsky Market**, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them.
- Visit the **Old City of Jaffa**, ascend from the old port through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin St., with its hip cafés and funky chic shopping.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at **Kehillat Beit Daniel** in Tel Aviv, led by **Rabbi Meir Azaria**.
- 7:00 p.m. **Shabbat dinner** at hotel.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

Day Ten: Saturday, December 12, 2015

SHABBAT AT THE DEAD SEA

lightest day.

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to the **Dead Sea basin**. *1 1/2 hr - drive each way.*
- Ascend by cable-car to **Masada**, Herod's mountain palace and the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Float in the **Dead Sea**, use the spa facilities of the **Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Hotel** and enjoy a buffet lunch.
- Return to Tel Aviv.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- 7:15 p.m. **Festive farewell dinner** Liliot restaurant.
- 8:45 p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Flip flops. / Covered feet.

Day Eleven: Sunday, December 13, 2015

RETURN

to Germany

- 00:05 a.m. Departure flight to the U.S.A. on LY 015
- 5:30 a.m. Arrival in Boston.

HOTELS

DAN PANORAMA

39 Keren Hayesod Street
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Fax: 972 2 623 2411

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Haifa
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**RECONCILIATION STATEMENT
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)3.**

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of employee:	Richard Ross
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	MA State Senate
Agency address:	24 Beacon Street
Office Phone:	617-722-1555
Office E-mail:	Richard.ross@masenate.gov
	<p>I previously filed a disclosure explaining that I accepted reimbursement, waiver or payment by a non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) of travel expenses related to an activity or speaking engagement that served a legitimate public purpose. I am filing this Reconciliation Statement because the actual amount of the travel expenses differed by more than \$50 from the amount I originally disclosed.</p> <p>I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF MY PREVIOUS DISCLOSURE.</p>
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	
Date of activity or speaking engagement:	12/3-12/13/2015
Reason that the actual amount differs from the previously disclosed amount by \$50 or more:	Security was increased for the trip including an additional security guard as well as the use of a bulletproof bus for portions of the trip.

**PLEASE INCLUDE DETAILED INFORMATION
ONLY ABOUT AMOUNTS THAT DIFFER FROM THE AMOUNTS ORIGINALLY DISCLOSED.**

	<u>Previously disclosed amount</u>	<u>Actual amount</u>
Transportation:		
Lodging:		
Meals:		
Admission:		
Other (please list):	\$3,430 (Ground transportation, food, driver, guide, hotel, speakers, site visits) \$21 (Post Trip Meal)	\$3,776.47 (Ground transportation, food, driver, guide, hotel, speakers, site visits) \$22 (post trip meal)
Total:	\$3,451	\$3,798.47

Employee signature <i>Richard J. Davis</i>	
Date <i>July 6, 2016</i>	

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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