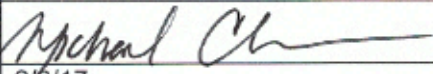


**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)1.**

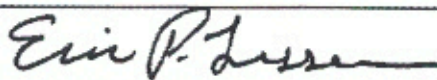
	NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of non-elected public employee:	Michael Clark
Title/ Position	Senior Advisor and Director of Strategic Engagement Office of Senator Eric P. Lesser
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts Senate
Agency address:	State House 24 Beacon Street, Room 519 Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	617-722-1291
Office e-mail:	Michael.clark@masenate.gov
Write an X to confirm each statement.	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>x</u> 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"/> <u>x</u> 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.	The American Israel Public Affairs Committee has invited me to participate in an 8-day educational trip funded by the American Israel Education Foundation, a 501c3 subsidiary of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. The trip is comprised of both elected officials and legislative/government employees and will allow us to learn about the American-Israel relationship and its ties to Massachusetts
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will participate in the trip as an opportunity to gather information and inform the work of the office in which I am employed
Date, time and location of activity.	Saturday February 11 to Sunday February 19, 2017
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	This intensive educational seminar will explore critical policy and security issues affecting both Israel and the United States. The program will include discussion with current and former Israeli government officials, Palestinian Authority representatives, and leading academic and journalists. Through on-site visits and seminars, I will have the opportunity to learn about innovative Israeli approaches to international and domestic issues. In my official duties, I have worked closely with the Israeli Consul-General to New England in an effort to promote Israeli investment in the Springfield area. Because Israel is considered the start-up nation, I believe this experience will help me develop a better sense of the opportunities that exist in for the Springfield Region.

	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	American Israel Education Foundation
Address of person or organization.	251 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20001
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> Airport Assistance - \$71.43 Bus - \$400.00 Cabs - \$75.00 Air Fare - \$6,000
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> Hotel Rooms - \$2,000
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> Meals - \$800.00
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i> Entrance Fees - \$71.34
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i> Meals for Tour Guides, Staff, and Guests - \$264.29 Syrian Border Tour (Jeep) - \$228.57 Speaker Fees - \$642.86 Water - \$25.00 Room Rentals and Set Up - \$214.29 Security - \$1,142.86 Tips - \$28.57 Tour Guide / Yad Vashem Guide - \$272.86 Misc - \$71.43 Snacks - \$35.71 Booklet Printing - \$7.14
Total:	\$12,440
Write an X beside any statement that applies.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant itinerary. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant agenda.
Employee signature:	
Date:	2/6/17

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Complete the disclosure and submit it to your appointing authority.

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Senator Eric P. Lesser
Agency and Title/Position:	Massachusetts State Senator
Agency address:	Office of Senator Eric P. Lesser State House, Room 519 Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	617-722-1291
Employee who filed the disclosure:	Michael Clark
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check both statements.	<p>Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that:</p> <p><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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to the employee or the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.</p>
Reason that the employee's travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	This intensive educational seminar will explore critical policy and security issues affecting both Israel and the United States. The program will include discussions with current and former Israeli government officials, Palestinian Authority representatives and leading academics and journalists. Through on-site visits or seminars, you will have the opportunity to learn about innovative Israeli approaches to international and domestic issues.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	2/6/2017

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The appointing authority should maintain the disclosure as a public record and give a copy of any signed determination to the employee.

January 5, 2017

**AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (AIEF)
NEW ENGLAND PROGRESSIVE LEADERS
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR IN ISRAEL
FEBRUARY 12 – 18, 2017**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Afternoon

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

Check into Mamila Hotel

7:30 PM

Depart

7:45 PM

Setting the Stage

Welcome and orientation with the U.S. and Israel staff

8:15 PM

A History of the Land of Israel on One Foot
Dinner with Dr. Ian Stern, archeologist, and
this week's seminar tour guide
- at Cielo

Overnight at Mamila Hotel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

7:45 AM

Breakfast served
- at the hotel

8:00 AM

What's on the Mind of the Israelis Today?
Breakfast with Herb Keinon
Senior Diplomatic Correspondent, *The Jerusalem Post*
-at the hotel

9:15 AM

Depart

9:30 AM

*Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I:
The Holy Basin*
Guided tour of Jerusalem's Old City

1:00 PM

Lunch
- at Golden Panoramic

1:45 PM

Depart

2:15 PM	<i>Israeli-Palestinian Relations Post-UNSC 2334 – Palestinian perspective</i> Meeting with a representative of the PLO - at the American Colony Hotel
3:30 PM	Depart
4:00 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: Post-1967 Neighborhoods</i>
4:30 PM	Depart for the Knesset En route: <i>Israeli Politics Primer</i> With Tom Sawicki Passports / security check
5:15 PM	<i>Democracy in Action – Visit to the Knesset</i> Meeting with Members of Knesset - The Honorable Avi Dichter (Likud Party) - The Honorable Karin Elharar (Yesh Atid Party)
6:30 PM	Depart
7:00 PM	Return to hotel
8:00 PM	<i>Israeli-Palestinian Relations Post-UNSC 2334 – Israeli perspective</i> Dinner with David Keyes, Spokesperson, The Office of the Prime Minister - at the hotel
9:30 PM	Dinner ends Overnight at Mamila Hotel PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S CHECKOUT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

7:55 AM	Checkout Luggage in the lobby Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:00 AM	Depart
8:30 AM	<i>The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society</i> Guided visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

10:45 AM	Depart
11:15 AM	Visit to "Hand-in-Hand – Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel"
12:15 PM	Depart
12:45 PM	<i>Why a Jewish State?</i> Lunch with Dr. Einat Wilf Senior Fellow, JPPI and Former Member of Knesset (Labor Party) - at Aluma, Crown Plaza
2:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
3:30 PM	Check into the Carlton Hotel
4:00 PM	<i>Developing New Technologies</i> Discussion with: - Naty Barak, Chief Sustainability Officer, Netafim - Amir Peleg, Takadu Water Technologies - Son Preminger, Founder & CEO, Intendu
5:30 PM	Session ends
7:00 PM	<i>Israelis from Different Walks of Life</i> Dinner with: - Racheli Yaso-Ngatuo, Development Officer, Yemin Orde - Ghaida Rinawi-Zoabi, General Director, Injaz Center - Avital Shapira-Shabirow, General Federation of Labor - Zehorit Sorek, LGBT Caucus, Yesh Atid Party Special guest: Payam Feili, Iranian writer (checking if he's still in Israel) - at Lumina
9:00 PM	Session ends Overnight at the Carlton Hotel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

7:45 AM	Breakfast served - at the hotel
8:00 AM	<i>Regional Strategic Overview</i> Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister -at the hotel

9:15 AM	Session ends
9:30 AM	Depart
10:00 AM	<i>The Desalination Era Is Here</i> Visit to the Sorek Desalination Plant
11:00 AM	Depart
12:15 PM	Lunch - at Netachim
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15 PM	<i>Israel's Southern Front Concerns</i> Briefing at the Nir Am overlook
1:45 PM	Depart
2:00 PM	<i>Living in the Shadow of Rocket Fire</i> Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza Meeting with a Tzachi Levy, local resident
3:00 PM	Depart
4:15 PM	<i>Birdseye View of Israel</i> - at the rooftop of the Azrieli Tower
4:45 PM	<i>Values in the Israel Defense Forces</i> Discussion with IDF officers and soldiers on the IDF's Code of Ethics and service of LGBT soldiers
6:00 PM	Depart, return to hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	<i>Israel's Global Footprint</i> Dinner with Israelis making a difference around the world - Tzameret Fuerst, Circ Med Tech - Alon Metrikin-Gold, MobileODT - Sally Oren, IsraAID - Sivan Ya'ari, InnovationAfrica
9:45 PM	Dinner ends Overnight at the Carlton Hotel
	PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S CHECKOUT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

7:30 AM	Check out, luggage in the lobby
7:45 AM	Breakfast served - at the hotel
8:00 AM	<i>Understanding the Palestinian Street</i> Meeting with Avi Issacharoff Arab Affairs Correspondent - at the hotel
10:00 AM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline</i> Strategic briefing at Alfei Menashe Overlook
10:45 AM	Depart, travel north
2:00 PM	<i>Treating Syria's Victims of Civil War</i> Visit to the Ziv Medical Center in Safed
3:15 PM	Depart
4:00 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns, Part I: Border with Lebanon</i> Strategic briefing with Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi - Location TBD (depends on the weather)
4:45 PM	Depart
5:45 PM	Check into Galei Kineret Hotel in Tiberias
7:15 PM	Dinner -at Pagoda/Decks
	Overnight at Galei Kineret Hotel
	PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S CHECKOUT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

7:30 AM	Check out, luggage in the lobby
7:45 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Depart

9:00 AM	<i>Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee</i> Visit to historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount - St. Peter's Church – Primacy of Peter - Capernaum – Jesus's village
11:00 AM	Depart, travel up to the Golan Heights
11:45 AM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns, Part II: Border with Syria</i> Tour and strategic briefing with Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Ein Zivan ***SECURITY SITUATION PERMITTING***
1:00 PM	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Pelter's
2:15 PM	Depart, travel back to Jerusalem
5:00 PM	Check into Mamila Hotel
6:00 PM	Depart for dinner
6:30 PM	<i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i> Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner Overnight at Mamila Hotel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:00 AM	Depart
9:00 AM	Visit to the Transboundary Water Basin Management Project Meeting with Dr. Clive Lipchin and Ahmad Injoum -at Auja in the Jordan Valley
10:00 AM	Depart
11:30 AM	<i>Ancient Roots in a Modern Land</i> Visit to the Masada National Archeological Park
1:00 PM	Depart
1:30 PM	Lunch, followed by Exploration of the Dead Sea Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Herods Hotel

3:00 PM

Return to hotel, prepare for departure

5:00 PM

Check out
Luggage on the bus

5:30 PM

Bringing it all Together
Closing dinner
- at Dolphin Yam

7:45 PM

Depart for the airport