


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

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|  | <b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>  |
| Name of public employee:   | Patrick M. O'Connor<br>2017 DEC -7 PM 3: 50   |
| Title or Position:   | State Senator   |
| Agency/Department:   | Massachusetts Senate  |
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| Office E-mail:   | Patrick.o'connor@masenate.gov   |
|  | <p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p> |
|  | <b>APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE</b>  |
| Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.           | S. 1689, "An Act prohibiting discrimination in state contracts."  |
| What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?        | I may be asked to vote on this legislation.   |
| Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.        | I am participating in the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Boston's Community Leaders Study Tour of Israel on December 7 to 17, 2017.   |
| How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization? | The JCRC has taken a position regarding S.1689.   |

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| <b>Optional:</b> Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence. |  |
| If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.  | <b>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</b><br><br>_X_ Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly. |
| Employee signature:  |   |
| Date:  | 12-6-17  |

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

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.