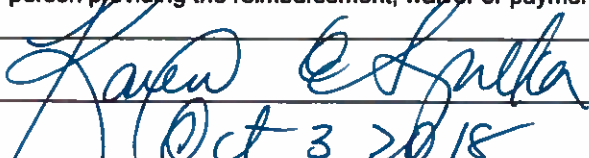


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

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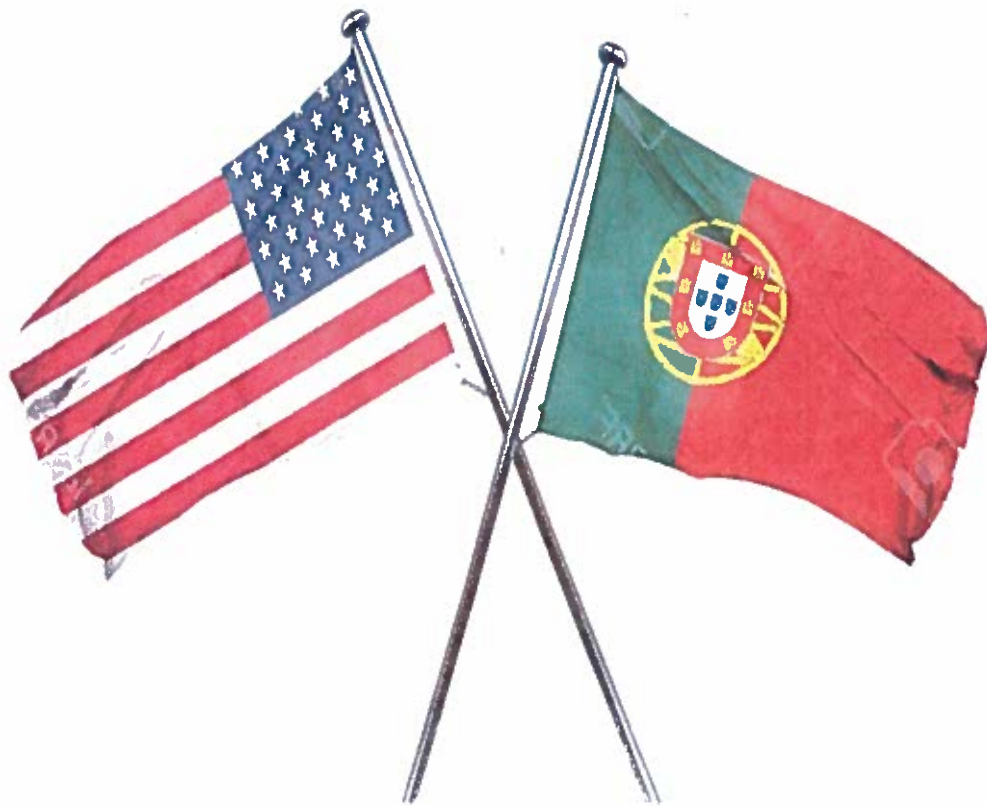
ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of elected public employee:	Senate President Karen E. Spilka
Title/ Position	President of the Massachusetts Senate
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts Senate
Agency address:	The State House, Room 332 Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	617-822-1500
Office e-mail:	karen.spilka@masenate.gov
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.	Senators will be travelling to Lisbon and Ponta Delgada, Portugal to meet with Portuguese and US officials and discuss issues of importance to Portugal and Massachusetts, including economic development, educational partnerships, maritime security, opioid policy and green energy initiatives.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will meet with Portuguese and US officials to discuss these issues of mutual interest.
Date, time and location of activity.	October 10-16, 2018 Lisbon and Ponta Delgada, Portugal
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	Massachusetts is home to a large Portuguese-American community and there are significant economic, cultural, educational and other issues of mutual interest to Portugal and Massachusetts.

TRAVEL EXPENSES	
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)
Address of person or organization.	Rua Sacramento à Lapa, 21 1249-090 Lisbon Portugal
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> FLAD is covering in-country bus transportation and some incidental hospitality costs for the entire group up to a total of €4,000. There are 15 legislative officials on this trip who will have the cost of their transportation and meals defrayed. The per-person amount offered is, therefore, €267, or \$314. Spouses and other guests will be traveling with the legislative officials, but their presence will not materially increase the cost of the incidental hospitality and accommodations provided by FLAD and they will otherwise be paying for their own travel and accommodations.
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> <i>See above</i>
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	\$314.00
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant itinerary. <input checked="" 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:	
Date:	Oct 3, 2018

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.



State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues
Fall Legislative Trip
Lisbon and Ponta Delgada
October 10-16, 2018

Thursday, October 11, 2018 (Business formal)

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| 8:30 A.M. | Bus departs Hotel |
| 9:00 A.M. | Meet with U.S. Ambassador George Glass and his staff at his residence for a briefing to discuss U.S. and Portugal Relations and Interests (i.e. maritime security, economic development, gun, drug, and human trafficking.) |
| 11:00 A.M. | Meet with the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) to discuss the decriminalization of opioids in Portugal, and its impact on society and Portuguese community. |
| 2:00 P.M. | Meeting with President of Portugal, his Excellency, Marcelo Rebelo De Sousa. |
| 3:00 P.M. | Free to explore Belem |
| 9:00 P.M. | Dinner and a show at Clube do Fado |

Friday, October 12, 2018 (Casual)

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| 8:30 A.M. | Bus departs hotel for tour of Alentejo region |
| 10:30 A.M. | Tour and visit the City of Evora, including EDP's smart grid energy conservation program of alternative and renewable energy. |
| 1:00 P.M. | Lunch |
| 4:00 P.M. | Wine tasting and tour of Dona Maria Vineyard |
| 6:00 P.M. | Tour City of Estremoz |
| 8:00 P.M. | Dinner, TBD |

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- 9:30 A.M. Official visit with the President of the Azores,
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- 12:00 P.M. Meeting with Mayor Bolieiro of Ponta Delgada
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