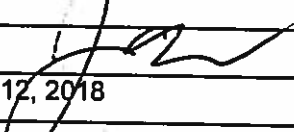


**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

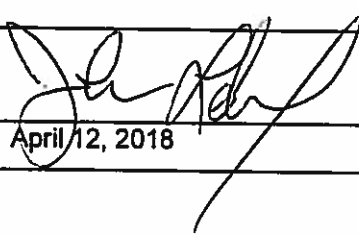
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	STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name:	Jason T. Wentworth
Title or Position:	Asst. Commissioner
State Agency:	Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)
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Office E-mail:	Jason.wentworth@state.ma.us
	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representing the Department at events held by or on matters brought forth by the organizations listed below - Assisting in the development of policy relating to matters relevant to one or all groups listed below
Your required participation in the particular matter: E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attending annual meetings of the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA), Massachusetts Association of Dairy Farmers (MADF) and Massachusetts Flower Growers' Association (MFGA) representing MDAR - Consultation on current internal policy matters relevant to one or all groups (neonicotinoid legislation)
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER
Write an X by all that apply.	<input 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.

	<p><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.</p> <p><input checked="" 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.</p>
Financial interest in the matter	<p>Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it.</p> <p>On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, I applied for the vacant Government Affairs position for MADF, MNLA and the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' (CCCGA). I am no longer in consideration for employment by the CCCGA. Prior to application, I contacted State Ethics Commission Acting General Counsel Pauline Nguyen for initial guidance. On February 16, 2018, I interviewed with those three groups. Subsequently, I was invited to interview and interviewed for the Government Affairs position with the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts (SAM) on Thursday, March 29, and was asked to interview and will interview with the MFGA on Thursday, April 19.</p> <p>To date, I have not signed any contracts for employment. The purpose of this disclosure is to ensure my work with the Department during the four organizations' deliberations continues to adhere to ethical standards, and to allow for the Department to properly cover any responsibilities or actions touching these three organizations that generally would fall under my cognizance.</p>
Employee signature:	
Date:	April 12, 2018

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	John Lebeaux
Title or Position:	Commissioner
Agency/Department:	Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources
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Office Phone:	617-626-1701
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	DETERMINATION
Determination by appointing authority: Write an X by your selection.	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. <input type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or <input 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.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	April 12, 2018
Comment:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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