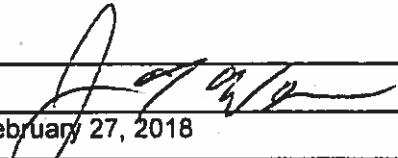


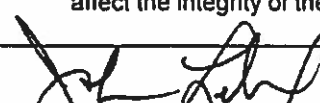
**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST  
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

<b>STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>	
Name:	Jason T. Wentworth
Title or Position:	Asst. Commissioner
State Agency:	Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)
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Office Phone:	617-626-1715
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.
<b>PARTICULAR MATTER</b>	
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.  - Representing the Department at events held by or on matters brought forth by the organizations 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.  - Attending annual meetings of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers (CCCGA), Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA), and Massachusetts Association of Dairy Farmers (MADF) representing MDAR  - Consultation on current internal policy matters relevant to one or all of the groups (ie, Farm Viability Enhancement Program qualifications for cranberry growers)
<b>FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER</b>	
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. <input type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the

	<p>business organization has a financial interest in the matter.</p> <p><u>X</u> 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 the three previously-mentioned groups. Prior to my application, I contacted State Ethics Commission Acting General Counsel Pauline Nguyen for initial guidance. On Friday, February 16, 2018, I interviewed for the position with representatives from those organizations and, immediately after, was on a previously-scheduled vacation. I returned to service on Monday, February 26, 2018.</p> <p>To date, no offer of employment has been made. The purpose of this disclosure is to ensure my work with the Department during the three 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:	February 27, 2018

**DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL**

APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION	
Name of Appointing Authority:	JOHN LEBEAUX
Title or Position:	COMMISSIONER
Agency/Department:	MASS. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES
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DETERMINATION	
Determination by appointing authority:	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.
Write an X by your selection.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or</p> <p><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.</p>
Appointing Authority signature:	

Date:	2/27/2015
Comment:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.

File copy with:

State Ethics Commission, One Ashburton Place, Room 619, Boston, MA 02108

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