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December 6, 2021

David A. Wilson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
One Ashburton Place
Room 619
Boston, MA 02108

RE: Disclosure of Financial Interest/ MBTA Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") which was established pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 161A, section 7. Although the Board of Directors currently holds hearings remotely pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, its offices are located at 10 Park Plaza in Boston, Massachusetts. My email address and telephone number are included below.

I am filing this disclosure under M.G.L. chapter 161A, section 7(j) and M.G.L. chapter 268A, section 6. My spouse is employed at the MBTA and I presently serve as the President of the Northeast Regional Council of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers ("SMART").

The MBTA Board of Directors is periodically briefed on collective bargaining negotiations and votes to approve and authorize the execution of those agreements. As the MBTA follows pattern bargaining, any discussion involving one bargaining unit will impact the other units. In light of my position with SMART, I will recuse myself from participating or voting on the MBTA's various collective bargaining negotiations and agreements whenever these matters come before the Board during my period of service.

Most recently, on November 17, 2021, the Board of Directors went into Executive Session to discuss strategies regarding collective bargaining. I recused myself from that meeting and have not participated in any discussions or communication regarding the particular matter and will continue to recuse myself from any discussion or participation in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and kindly advise if you need anything further.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Robert Butler

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Cc: Marie Breen, General Counsel MassDOT/MBTA