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

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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	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. I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	There is no issue coming before me currently, but, this past spring, I served as a paid facilitator for students at Smith College's School for Social Work for a macro project they have undertaken as part of their clinical work-teaching. The project ended as of May 4, 2022, but I am filing this disclosure out of an abundance of caution in advance of the Senate's debate of the fiscal year 2023 appropriations bill to dispel any appearance of a conflict of interest.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	While it is unlikely, it is possible that Smith College's School for Social Work may have an interest in a matter on which I may be called on to vote, or in which I am called on to participate, including the fiscal year 2023 appropriations bill and amendments to it.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	This past spring, I facilitated a project for students at Smith College's School for Social Work.

How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	No current conflict exists and I am submitting this disclosure out of an abundance of caution.
Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	I do not have any decision-making or management authority in my role at Smith College's School for Social Work.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. <u>X</u> 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:	19 May 2022

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.