


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

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><input 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.	I will be traveling to the Basque Country, a region in Northern Spain, on June 17th for the Euskadi Learning Tour 2023 and returning to the U.S. on June 23rd.
Describe your participation in the activity.	As co-chair of the Council of State Governments (CSG) East Energy and Environment Committee and founding chair and current member of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change, I have been invited to participate at the Euskadi Learning Tour 2023 with U.S. State Legislators and members of the Basque delegation to facilitate discussions and exchange ideas about how to tackle climate, energy, general transatlantic topics, and current international policy challenges.
Date, time and location of activity.	June 17 – June 23, 2023 Vitoria-Gasteiz, Basque Country

Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	There are significant climate and energy issues of mutual interest to Massachusetts, the Basque Country, and the other participants at this event. My participation in the Euskadi Learning Tour 2023 will promote the bilateral relationship between the United States and Basque Country.
	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	The Basque Government
Address of person or organization.	Ramiro de Maeztu, 10 lower 01008 Vitoria-Gasteiz Basque
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> I have not received the final cost amount for transportation and will submit a reconciliation form with the final cost amount once I have received it.
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> I have not received the final cost amount for lodging and will submit a reconciliation form with the final cost amount once I have received it.
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i>
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i> N/A
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	I have not received the final cost amount and will submit a reconciliation form with the final cost amount once I have received it.
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 <u>both</u> 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:	6/14/2023

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.

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.

**EUSKADI LEARNING TOUR 2023****UNITED STATES****June 19 – 23, 2023****TENTATIVE AGENDA****SUNDAY, JUNE 18th, VITORIA-GASTEIZ**

- ❖ **Arrival to Vitoria-Gasteiz**
- ❖ **Tour to Welcome Guests to the Basque Country**

MONDAY, JUNE 19th, VITORIA-GASTEIZ**TOPICS:**

- ❖ **Welcome Address to the Euskadi Learning Tour Program and Initial Presentation of Euskadi – Basque Country**
 - Presidency of the Basque Government.
- ❖ **Introduction to Basque Self-Government and Fiscal Autonomy**
 - Department of Economy and Treasury.
- ❖ **The Vision of Basque Legislative Branch**
 - Basque Parliament.
- ❖ **Basque Rural Policy and the Agri-Food Industry**
 - Strategic initiatives to boost the competitiveness and sustainability of rural areas and the food value chain. Visit to a winery.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th, BILBAO**TOPICS:**

- ❖ **Getting to Know the Basque Science and Technology Ecosystem**
 - Tour through Basque Research Alliances and Technology Parks.
- ❖ **Basque Green Deal**
 - Visit to the Basque Biodiversity Center. Overview of the 2030 Basque Environmental Framework Program.
- ❖ **A Journey Through the History of the Basque People and Self-Government in Gernika**
 - Assembly House of Gernika.
- ❖ **Cultural Visit: The Guggenheim Effect**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st, BILBAO and DONOSTIA/SAN SEBASTIAN

TOPICS:

- ❖ **Energy Transition: the Basque Approach**
 - Case Study: the Basque Hydrogen Corridor and other flagship initiatives.
- ❖ **The Urban Regeneration of Bilbao**
 - Transforming a decaying industrial space into a model of urban regeneration through local strategic policy and self-financing.
- ❖ **Basque Cooperativism and Social Economy**
 - Mondragon Corporation and Confederation of Cooperative Companies of the Basque Country.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd, DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIAN

TOPICS:

- ❖ **Social Transition in the Basque Country**
 - Overview of the Basque Country's policies for social inclusion, coexistence, diversity, and gender.
- ❖ **Preparing the Workforce for the Triple Transition**
 - Basque Vocational Education and Training System.
- ❖ **The 2030 Agenda at the Sub-National level: A Social Contract**
 - Discussion on moving towards a sustainable, humane, and fair development model from the subnational level.
- ❖ **Gastronomic Sciences: Innovation, Research, and the Transfer of Knowledge and Technology**
 - Tour of the Basque Culinary Center, a world renowned institution of knowledge of and experimentation on what we eat and how we eat it.
- ❖ **Basque Art on an International Scale**
 - Visit to Chillida Leku museum. Witness how nature and art naturally come together in the space.
- ❖ **Tasting Pintxos. A Unique Experience**
 - Farewell dinner and closure of the Learning Tour.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd, RETURN HOME