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Massachusetts State Ethics Commission
1 Ashburton Place
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Dear Ethics Commission:

Please find enclosed the following:

- 1) Disclosure by Elected Public Employee of Travel Expenses Serving a Legitimate Public Purpose as required by 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.

The enclosed disclosure form relates to attendance at a meeting held by the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) in partnership with the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), held in Salt Lake City on January 9, 2025 through January 11, 2025. I attended the meeting in my capacity as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

My apologies for the late filing of this form. As required, I have always filed disclosures in advance of any such meetings. In this case, however, I postponed the decision to attend given the passing of my mother and her subsequent funeral services on December 16, 2024. Upon my late inquiry on or about December 20, 2024, NCSL advised that I could still attend and my registration was entered. Quite simply, given my mother's passing, her funeral, and the holidays, I forgot to file the disclosure. This week, as I returned to my office after surgery, my Chief of Staff inquired whether I had filed a disclosure for the trip and that inquiry prompted me to file the enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed or this matter in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,


John F. Keenan

Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Election Laws

Senate Vice Chair
JOINT COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES
AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND SMALL BUSINESSES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANNABIS POLICY

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH,
SUBSTANCE USE AND RECOVERY

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

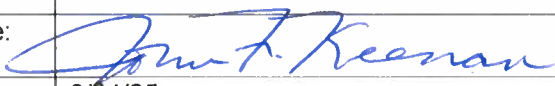
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

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

RECEIVED
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of elected public employee:	John F. Keenan
Title/ Position	State Senator, Norfolk and Plymouth
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts State Senate
Agency address:	24 Beacon Street Room 413F Boston, MA 02133
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><input checked="" 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.	The National Conference of State Legislatures sponsored a conference in Salt Lake City, Utah from January 9, 2025 through January 11, 2025, entitled <i>2024 Election Huddle: Takeaways and Implications</i> . The conference, held in partnership with the National Association of Secretaries of State, focused on issues related to recent past and future elections, including election security and voter participation.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I attended and participated in discussions regarding election security and voter participation nationally, in other states, and in Massachusetts.
Date, time and location of activity.	January 9 – 11, 2025
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	The trip was to inform my work in the Senate and my work as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.
	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	National Conference of State Legislatures, of which the Massachusetts State Senate is a member entity.

Address of person or organization.	National Conference of State Legislatures 7700 E. First Place Denver, CO 80230
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> NCSL paid directly for roundtrip airfare from Boston to Salt Lake City. Airfare: \$979.00 Bus to State Capitol and Davis County Elections Office: \$20.00 Total transportation expenses: \$999.00
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> NCSL paid directly for three (3) nights lodging at the Salt Lake City Marriott City Center. Total lodging expenses: \$590.70
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> Dinner Thursday evening at the Utah State Capitol: \$50.00 Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the conference location on Friday: \$164.00 Breakfast and lunch on Saturday: \$70.00. Total meals expenses: \$284.00
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i> N/A
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i> N/A
Total:	Total expenses: \$1,873.70. All costs were paid directly by NCSL. There were no reimbursements.
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 both 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:	3/24/25

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.



NASS
National Association
of Secretaries of State



2024 Election Huddle: Takeaways and Implications

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)

Olympus Ballroom, Salt Lake Marriott City Center

Salt Lake City, Utah | Jan. 10 - 11

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Date and Time	Session
Thursday, Jan. 9	
2:30-6:15 p.m.	Registration and Badge Pick Up A badge is required for all events and meetings.
3-5 p.m.	Optional Tour of Davis County Elections Office Transportation leaves from the hotel at 3 p.m.
6:30-8 p.m.	Utah State Capitol Dinner and Networking Event Transportation leaves from the hotel at 6:15 p.m. Docents will be available to give tours. Note that alcohol is not permitted at the capitol.
Friday, Jan. 10	
8 a.m. – noon	Registration and Badge Pick Up A badge is required for all events and meetings.
8-9 a.m.	Breakfast
9-9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks Welcome: Utah Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson Opening Remarks: Senator Wayne Harper, President Pro Tempore of the Utah Senate and President of NCSL Hon. Steve Simon, NASS President and Minnesota Secretary of State
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Lessons Learned: Key Takeaways from November Charles Stewart, MIT
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break

10:45-11:45 a.m.	Policy Deep Dive: Voter Registration and List Maintenance Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse-Oliver
11:45-1 p.m.	Lunch
1-2:15 p.m.	Table Discussions Focused on Five Topic Areas Topic areas: technology in elections (Lindsey Forson), mail delivery and return issues (Leslie Reynolds), funding election administration (Maria Benson and Charles Stewart), who is in charge of what in elections (Susan Frederick), and internet ballot delivery and return (Wendy Underhill)
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Showing Off: Share Your Successes Hear from secretaries of state and legislators about some of their recent successes. Moderators: Senator Wayne Harper and Honorable Steve Simon Utah Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson Connecticut Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas California Assemblymember Gail Pellerin Arkansas Representative Carlton Wing
3:30-4:15 p.m.	Collaborative Relationships and Approaches to Federal Legislation: A Retrospective Doug Chapin, Fors Marsh Group
5:30-8 p.m.	Reception and Dinner (at hotel)
Saturday, Jan. 11	
8-9 a.m.	Breakfast
9-10:15 a.m.	Secretaries of State & Legislators Working Together Legislators will share what they wish secretaries knew and vice versa, and brainstorm on how to continue working together after this meeting. Moderators: Susan Frederick and Leslie Reynolds
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	What to Expect in State and Federal Policymaking in 2025 Wendy Underhill, Susan Frederick and Leslie Reynolds
11:45 – Noon	Last Chance: Thoughts?