

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY AT AN EVENT
SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(3)(b).**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of non-elected public employee:	Ben Linville-Engler
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☒ My attendance at an event will serve a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to pay or waive expenses worth \$50 or more related to the event.
	EVENT ATTENDED
Describe the event that you will attend.	In an era of evolving threats, space is essential to America's national security. Securing it is foundational to our homeland resilience and our ability to respond when it matters most. Protecting it requires the whole-of-national approach that President Eisenhower knew to be vital to lasting security. As Commander of U.S. Space Command, General Stephen Whiting leads soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen, and guardians operating ground and space-based systems worldwide to deter aggression and defend our national interests and those of our allies. Addressing a parallel security challenge from the private sector, Baiju Bhatt and the Aetherflux team are leading the development of space solar power systems to deliver continuous energy to contested military environments, remote communities, and critical infrastructure here at home and around the world.
Describe your participation in the event.	I will be attending the event as a guest of the host organization BENS along with some of its Massachusetts members and state government officials. I will be networking with business leaders from the defense sector, as well as other sectors.
Date, time and location of event.	May 12, 2026, at 6:30 – 10:00pm The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC 1150 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	BENS has been supporting the MA SHIELD Initiative in collaboration with MassTech and the Healey-Driscoll Administration. Their support includes that of their national member network and relationships with federal officials. The event is an opportunity to continue to share more about the SHIELD initiative as well as NEMC with this audience.

	EXPENSES RELATED TO INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, pay or waive expenses.	Business Executives for National Security (BENS) Gen. Timothy Ray, USAF (Ret.)
Address of person or organization.	1030 15th Street, NW, Suite 200 East Washington, D.C. 20005
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation within the Commonwealth:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i>
Admission:	<i>Admission, tickets, etc.</i> Dinner/Gala Ticket - \$750
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, entertainment, materials, etc.</i>
Total:	\$750
Employee signature:	
Date:	05/05/2026

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	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Carolyn Kirk
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Employee who filed the disclosure:	Ben Linville-Engler
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check off <u>both statements</u>.	Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that: ☒ <u>x</u> The employee's attendance at the event will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND ☒ <u>x</u> Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to the employee or the person paying or waiving expenses related to the event.
Reason that the employee's travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	As the Designated Chair of MA's SHIELD Initiative and the Program Executive overseeing the Northeast Microelectronics Coalition Hub (funded from the DoW), the Center for Advanced Manufacturing, and the MassCyberCenter, Ben's participation will benefit MassTech by identifying collaboration and business development opportunities for MA and MassTech.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	5/6/26

Attach additional pages if necessary.

The appointing authority should maintain the disclosure as a public record and give a copy of any signed determination to the employee.