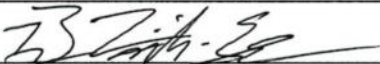


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

	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.	Prof. John Hart, who leads the Advanced Production Technologies Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has submitted a grant proposal that is under review by the MassTech Collaborative. I am part of a team at MassTech that is evaluating the proposal.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	In my role, I work across various funding programs to align investments with growth strategies for maximum impact on the tech and innovation economy. This proposal has been submitted to 1 of MassTech's capital funding programs. While I evaluate proposals and provide recommendations on projects that should be funded, I do not have the authority to decide which projects receive funding.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I was previously employed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as the Industry and Certificate Co-Director of MIT System Design and Management. Through this role, worked and collaborated with Prof. John Hart and his center on behalf of MIT as part of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Response Team. As a follow-on to this work, we developed an online manufacturing agility course and established an academic partnership with MxD, a Manufacturing USA Institute, and collaborated on broader manufacturing at MIT strategies and grant proposals.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	A favorable outcome from the MIT perspective would be approval of the submitted proposal.

Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	My role with MIT SDM did not have any direct involvement with the MIT APT center. I have no financial or other interest in the outcome of this review. I am one of several staff members at MassTech evaluating this proposal.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. ☒ 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:	11/15/2021

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.