

HOUSE No. 3240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Erika Uytterhoeven and Maria Duaine Robinson

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to close travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Representatives Uytterhoeven of Somerville and Robinson of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3240) of Erika Uytterhoeven, Maria Duaine Robinson and others relative to the state conflict of interest law and travel gifts. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to close travel loophole in the state conflict of interest law, and to provide for greater transparency and accountability regarding travel gifts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3(f) of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A is hereby
2 amended by inserting immediately before the end of subsection (iv) the following: "; provided,
3 however, that no exclusion shall be established for travel expenses paid or reimbursed by an
4 organization that, for the year in

5 which the travel commences, is registered with the State Secretary as a Client under the
6 Massachusetts Lobbying Law, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3 Sections 39 and 41."

7 SECTION 2. The State Ethics Commission shall maintain, and make available to any
8 member of the public upon request, a remotely accessible electronic data base of all travel
9 expense disclosure forms filed by elected public officials as required by the Commission's
10 regulations at 930 CMR 5.00. The electronic data base shall be searchable by name of the elected
11 public official filing the disclosure.

12 SECTION 3. The State Ethics Commission shall revise the travel expense disclosure
13 form filed by elected public officials to include whether the official has, within the 12 months
14 prior to the commencement of travel, been the subject of legislative lobbying by the organization
15 paying his or her travel

16 expenses with respect to legislation filed with the General Court. For the purposes of this
17 Section 3, the terms "legislative lobbying" and "legislation" shall have the meanings given them
18 by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3 Section 39.