



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your April 9, 2010 email correspondence requesting an advisory opinion. See G.L. c. 3, § 41 (2008 ed.). Specifically, you inquired whether G.L. c. 3, § 50 exempts members or agents of a local redevelopment authority from registering as lobbyists.

The relevant statute provides:

Sections thirty-nine to forty-nine, inclusive, shall not apply to employees or agents of the commonwealth or of a city, town, district or regional school district who are acting in their capacity as such employees or agents or to any person requested to appear before any committee or commission of the general court by a majority of the members of such committee or commission; provided, that such person performs no other act to influence legislation; and provided further, that the name of such person be recorded in the official records of such committee or commission.

G.L. c. 3, § 50 (2008 ed.).

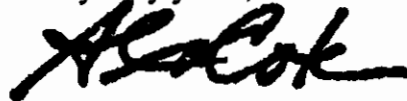
The plain language of the statute reveals a legislative intent to limit the exception and exempt only the employees of cities, towns, and district or regional school districts acting in their capacities as such. Therefore, absent further guidance from the legislature or the court, it is the opinion of this office that Section 50 does not exempt members or

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agents of a local redevelopment authority from registration. Thus, to the extent that such individuals engage in lobbying and meet the criteria of being an executive agent, a legislative agent, or both as defined in G.L. c. 3, § 39, they must register with the Lobbyist Section.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan N. Cote". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alan N. Cote  
Director