



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Public Records Division

Alan N. Cote
Supervisor of Records

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your June 9, 2010 email correspondence requesting an advisory opinion. See G.L. c. 3, § 41 (2008 ed.). Specifically, you inquired whether the exceptions to the definition of "act to communicate directly with a covered executive official to influence a decision concerning policy or procurement" as set forth in G.L. c. 3, § 39, apply to the definition of executive lobbying.

It is the opinion of this office that the activities enumerated as exceptions to the definition of "act to communicate directly with a covered executive official to influence a decision concerning policy or procurement" apply to the definition of executive lobbying. That is, if one engages in an activity that is exempted under "act to communicate directly with a covered executive official to influence a decision concerning policy or procurement," such activity would not count toward the relative portion of the definition of executive lobbying, "any act to communicate directly with a covered executive official to influence a decision concerning policy or procurement."

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan N. Cote".

Alan N. Cote
Director