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Dear Hiring Committee:

I am very interested in the position you posted on Higher Ed Jobs. Currently I am the chair of the Joint Committee of Higher Education in the Massachusetts Legislature. Education has been extremely transformative for me and my family. I have worked within the Massachusetts Legislature and with the executive branch in ensuring that everyone in the Commonwealth has the opportunity to have their lives transformed by higher education. Having spent 11 years in the Massachusetts legislature with five of them in public higher education policy as well as my own experience as a doctoral student, and researcher, I believe my experience and education is very well matched to this position.

I thrive on being on a campus and understand the transformative nature of our colleges and universities. I have been fortunate to be able to experience the many sides of education, as a policy maker, a faculty member, a researcher, a parent of college students, an attorney representing students, and recently as a doctoral student myself. I am committed to higher education, and understand the present realities of a college campus. Having received my PhD from Brandeis University, a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, I have experienced first hand the current pressures on faculty and students.

I bring set of unique skills to this opportunity. As an elected official I am required not only to address public concerns, but to change public perceptions and influence public thought. As an elected official I have run a number of campaigns both for elected office and to change the way government works. In addition to my policy and educational experiences, I have more than 20 years of corporate counsel experience. One of my major responsibilities was to reduce risk and minimize legal exposure. This experience has allowed me to understand the way large entities need to run and particularly how to craft their public perception. My risk mitigation experience combined with my background in higher education allows me to apply these unique skills to enhance the visibility and reputation of your university.

Thank you very much for your consideration I have attached my resume for your review. Please let me know if I can provide any additional materials or information to help you evaluate my candidacy. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the challenges of this very exciting opportunity, and my qualifications to work for your institution.

Sincerely,



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