

**EXH. 22**  
**DECL. OF JAMES ROONEY**  
**(GREATER BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, et.  
al.,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY, et. al.,

*Defendants.*

**DECLARATION OF JAMES ROONEY**

I, James Rooney, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare and affirm,

1. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce located in Boston, MA. I have been employed as President and CEO since July 1, 2015.

2. I submit this declaration in support of Massachusetts's litigation challenging the policies announced on July 6, 2020 by "Broadcast Message" and to be published as a Temporary Final Rule to amend requirements of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (the "Rule").

3. I have compiled the information set forth below through personal knowledge and Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce personnel who have assisted me in gathering this information. I have also familiarized myself with the Rule in order to understand its immediate impact on Greater Boston.

4. Foreign students strengthen the region's institutions of higher education by adding diverse perspectives and making substantial contributions to the Greater Boston economy.

5. More than 60,000 international students per year attend Massachusetts institutions of higher education, contributing \$3.2 billion to the state's economy through tuition payments and day-to-day spending.

6. Massachusetts relies on foreign students more than any other state in the nation: international students account for 12 percent of the student population, which is the highest proportion of international postsecondary students of any state.

7. Furthermore, the students stay in the area and strengthen its workforce. Between 2004 and 2016, approximately 50,000 foreign graduates who attended schools in the Boston metro area stayed in the region. Many foreign students major in business disciplines, making them well-prepared to contribute to the regional economy immediately.

8. The region's employers benefit from international students matriculating into the workforce because they bring different backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences. The results in stronger businesses because, as demonstrated in numerous studies, performance improves when there is diversity among employees.

9. In 2018, nearly 39,000 jobs in Massachusetts were supported by international students. The majority of jobs created because of international students are in the higher education sector.

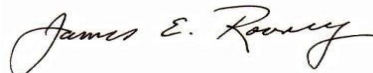
10. More than 70,000 international students attend Massachusetts colleges and universities. Tuition from international students can help the state to contain the tuition costs for in-state students. Including public and private institutions, foreign students paid \$1.8 billion in tuition between 2008 and 2012.

11. Reductions in the number of foreign students living in Boston and Massachusetts will impact the region and the higher education sector. They may not be replaced by domestic

students, so enrollment and tuition could decline at public and private institutions of higher education. Their economic contributions, including the jobs they support, may also decline.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 10th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Rooney". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

JAMES ROONEY

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce