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Dear Senator Barrett,

I wanted to write to congratulate you and thank you for proposing legislation to support the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's Least Developed Countries Fund.

I understand that the proposed Act would, if passed, allow people in Massachusetts to earmark or "check-off" a share of their tax refund on their personal income tax form for the Fund.

We know that if the world is to address climate change and harvest the opportunities from a transition to a low carbon, resource efficient global economy we need everyone on board—from national governments and sub national government to the private sector and citizens.

We also know that least developed countries are the least prepared for, and most vulnerable to the risk from, climate impacts while needing support to realize their ambitions of a better and more prosperous future.

The Least Developed Countries Fund was established with these risks and opportunities in mind and is part of a landscape of assistance to these nations and peoples very much on the front line—assistance that needs to be stepped up as these countries look to implement their national climate action plans or NDCs.

The Paris Climate Change Agreement of 2015 was an historic agreement that was only possible with the backing of all sectors of society. Several sub national governments like Quebec in Canada, regional governments in Belgium and the City of Paris, made history by providing financial support to the UN's agenda.

Your draft legislation is part of this new optimism and responsibility that will take us all forward to a safer and more secure world.



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I would also like to express my appreciation for the work of others in assisting this draft legislation including Professor Peter Fox-Penner, Director of Boston University's Institute for Sustainable Energy; Professor Barbara Kates-Garnick, Professor of Practice at The Fletcher School of Tufts University; Professor J. Timmons Roberts, Ittleson Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology, Brown University and Professor Benito Müller of the Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford.

Senator, thank you for your vision and I wish you every success in this endeavor. Please keep me up dated on how your proposal developments over the coming weeks and months, and best of luck!

Yours sincerely,

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