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Congratulations on your acceptance to one of Massachusetts’ excellent institutions of higher education. You and your family should be proud of this significant accomplishment.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, someone who attended college in Massachusetts and as a parent, I know that Massachusetts is a great place to be a college student. We have outstanding colleges and universities, a vibrant arts, sports and cultural scene, and easy access to healthy and fun outdoor adventures. Almost every campus in Massachusetts is within one hour’s drive to the beach, the mountains, or a dynamic city scene, and sometimes all three. And during your time in school here, as you consider your career, you will have the opportunity to connect with people working in all walks of life and on the cutting edge of their respective fields. Massachusetts is a center of innovation and excellence in clean and renewable energy, academia, life sciences, information technology, law, the arts, agriculture, medicine, engineering, and finance, to name just a few of the sectors in which we take great pride.

Tens of thousands of new students arrive on the steps of our 100 public and private colleges and universities every year for their first year of college. They come here from across the world, across the nation, and across the state. I hope that you will be one of those students this fall.

Again, congratulations on your acceptance. I wish you the best of luck with your decision.

Sincerely,

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