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The Honorable Michael Kantor
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
Executive Office of the President
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Kantor:

This letter confirms that, upon a review of procurement processes administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, procurement by the state entities listed in the attached annex of the items identified thereunder is conducted in a manner generally consistent with the principles embodied in the GATT Agreement on Government Procurement (the Code). My administration has no present intention of modifying the aforementioned processes in a manner inconsistent with the Code's principles.

I understand that the Code, if adopted, will require that covered procurement contracts be awarded on the basis of competitive procedures consistent with those specified in the Code for subcentral entities. I also understand that the Code, if adopted, will require that procuring agencies awarding such contracts may not discriminate against suppliers, products, and services of foreign signatories to the Code.

I hope this letter is responsive to your request, and we look forward to further consultations with the Office of the United States Trade Representative on developments with respect to the Code.

Sincerely,

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Attachment