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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and I would like to congratulate The Early Literacy Innovation Zone Partners of North Central MA and Footsteps2Brilliance on their partnership and creation of the first region-wide "Early Literacy Zone".

This transformative literacy effort will surely benefit the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for generations to come. The Innovation Zone will be the first education collaborative to create a region-wide "collective impact" model that will provide the resources needed so that all children entering kindergarten will be ready to learn and read proficiently by the third grade. Available in both English and Spanish, the Early Literacy Zone supports educational excellence for children of all levels and from all backgrounds to truly make a difference in the lives of our future leaders. By prioritizing early literacy, the Innovation Zone school districts and partnering organizations will be at the forefront of creating the trajectory needed to fuel the workforce and economic development of the future for this region.

Once again, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and I would like to extend our warm congratulations on such a monumental partnership. Please accept our best wishes for the road ahead.

Sincerely,


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