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Dear Ms. Huber:

We are pleased to provide you with Massachusetts' submission of its *preliminary* Maintenance of Equity baseline data for its high-need LEAs, highest-poverty LEAs, and high-poverty schools, respectively, as required by section 2004(b) and (c) of the ARP Act.

The Excel document contains two tabs: the first shows MA school districts that receive aid directly from the state, while the second shows a preliminary list of schools for which districts must meet MOEquity. A few things to note for each tab. For tab 1, the FY22 data reflect Massachusetts' state aid amounts to districts for this coming school year, but they do not include certain state grant programs that will be calculated and allocated later this calendar year. For tab 2, note that some schools may be exempt from MOEquity requirements – the state will not have collected all exemptions until later this calendar year.

Put together, these tabs contain all information outlined in Appendix A of the U.S. Department of Education's MOEquity FAQ.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this MOEquity data submission is true and correct and the failure to submit accurate data may result in liability under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq.; OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; 18 USC § 1001, as appropriate, and other enforcement actions.

We would be happy to have a dialogue to discuss this filing upon your initial review.

Kind regards,

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