To: (your legislator’s email)

Cc: gmoore@bu.edu

Subject: Request to Co-Sponsor SD367 *An Act Relative to Congo Conflict Minerals*

Dear (your legislator’s title and name):

Hello, my name is (your name) and I am a constituent of yours at (your address). I am emailing you to request that you co-sponsor SD367 *An Act Relative to Congo Conflict Minerals*. (Add brief motivation/personal interest you have in seeing this bill passed).

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is home to the most deadly war since World War II, with over [5.4 million deaths since 1998](http://www.rescue.org/news/irc-study-shows-congos-neglected-crisis-leaves-54-million-dead-peace-deal-n-kivu-increased-aid--4331%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). Impunity and cycles of brutal violence have earned it the nickname of the 'rape capital of the world'. [40% of all women and 24% of men](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3093289/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) in the east have suffered sexual violence. The Congo is also incredibly wealthy in resources that end up in our everyday products such as cell phones and cars. These '[conflict minerals](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aF-sJgcoY20" \t "_blank)' support armed groups that perpetuate the conflict and atrocities in Congo.

SD367 *An Act Relative to Congo Conflict Minerals* would prohibit the Commonwealth from contracting with companies that fail to comply with federal reporting requirements that are contributing to peace in the Congo (see federal legislation, [Section 1502](http://www.sec.gov/spotlight/dodd-frank/speccorpdisclosure.shtml%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) of the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010)*. Dodd-Frank section 1502 has [contributed to demilitarization of Congo mines](http://www.enoughproject.org/reports/impact-dodd-frank-and-conflict-minerals-reforms-eastern-congo%E2%80%99s-war%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), providing safer surroundings to Congolese and conflict-free resources for American companies. However, wider peace requires additional action; SD367 would further this effort. Please see SD367 and attached fact sheet for more information.

Please feel free to reach out to Garrett Moore (Cc'ed here) of [Boston for Congo](http://www.bostonforcongo.weebly.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) for more information on SD367 and its potential contributions to peace in a country that has known only war for over 20 years. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards:

(your name)