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Ms. Barbara Anderson  
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Dear Barbara:

You were right—*Do the right thing, and everything works out in the end!*

I write to thank you and everyone at Citizens for Limited Taxation for your invaluable assistance in our successful battle against the unfairness of retroactive taxation in the Commonwealth.

From the moment that the Supreme Judicial Court announced its decision in Peterson v. Commissioner of Revenue, CLT took the lead in insisting that the Legislature needed to reinstitute the lower capital gains tax rates that existed during the first four months of 2002 as the legal and effective tax rates applicable to the entirety of that year. You were principled and outspoken, and the logic of your argument was unassailable.

Translating words into action, you then identified and mobilized hundreds of affected taxpayers to contact their legislators. This hard work made all the difference.

As a direct result of your efforts, thousands of Massachusetts taxpayers—seniors who sold investments to fund their retirement, parents who liquidated stocks to send their children to college, and families that sold a home—will be spared an unanticipated retroactive tax.

Please know that you and the entire membership of CLT have my admiration and gratitude. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mitt Romney  
Governor

Barbara,

Thanks for all your help on so many fronts -  
you make a big difference for Massachusetts - Mitt