Addressing letter to Representative:

The Honorable (full name)

United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

Addressing the letter to Senator:

The Honorable (full name)

United States Senate

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I am a (student, resident, citizen, etc.) writing from (your district, state, etc.) where I recently learned of the lack of legal protections to people displaced specifically due to the effects of climate change. Some are forced to cross borders in the context of climate change and disasters and may in some circumstances be in need of international protection. Refugee and human rights laws therefore have an important role to play in this area. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) estimates that by 2050, there could be between 25 million to 1 billion people moving either within their countries or across borders for climate-related reasons.

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass) and Representative Nydia M. Velázquez (NY-07) have reintroduced legislation that would establish a national strategy to address global climate-driven displacement and provide the support needed to implement durable solutions for climate-displaced persons. The climate crisis disproportionately affects women, children, Indigenous people, and people of color, and we must take the necessary steps to support those who are force to leave their homes due to climate change.

This legislation contributes to the vital effort to humanely welcome people forced to flee their homes, and will pave the way to create a global strategy for resilience and a plan to deal with migration driven by climate change.

Sincerely,

(your name)