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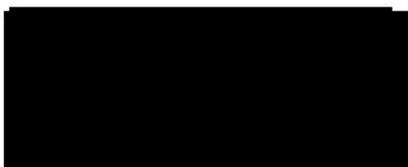
Thank you for continuing your connection to MIT through your membership in the Emma Rogers Society (ERS). As widows and widowers of the Institute's alumni, faculty, and staff, each of us has chosen to keep this community an important part of our lives.

As ERS chair and longtime member, I'm interested in the roles we play in the life at MIT, and in facilitating creative ideas to support the Institute. In this spirit, the MIT Alumni Association recently partnered with Stephen Fantone '74, son of an ERS founding member, Jean Fantone, in establishing an annual Brass Rat Melt Project to recycle the gold from MIT class rings no longer in use, and a Brass Rat Financial Assistance Fund to ensure students a more affordable means of obtaining and preserving a great MIT tradition. "Brass Rat" is the affectionate name for these unique rings. They feature nature's engineer, the beaver, as mascot amid other symbols of MIT, which are selected by each class to personalize their version of the MIT experience.

Alumni and friends can support this project by contributing to the fund or donating Brass Rats to provide material for future rings. This year, 9 of the 14 rings donated to the project came from our ERS members! What a message to future students, who will carry on the authentic gold with their own designs. Of the ERS members who contributed gifts and rings to this project, I'm including my own Brass Rat HM '18 (honorary alumni member) for future fingers when my time comes to feed the Melt.

Through our gifts to the Institute (large in practicality or in humanity), we accelerate its efforts to make a better world. And we do this while honoring those who shaped today's MIT — the faculty, including my own husband, their colleagues, the staff, and generous alumni. I welcome you to share the pride we all feel in our mission for MIT.

With deep appreciation,



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