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## **Letters to the Editor**

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### **Orozco deserves voters' support**

To the editor:

I hosted a friend from the Logan City Council near Brisbane, Queensland, Australia this week. We attended a coffee for Sara Orozco, a Democratic candidate for Massachusetts Senate.

Last year, I observed Australia's national compulsory election for prime minister. At that time, I was arranging for an American keynote speaker to be included in the largest Asia-Pacific biotechnology conference in Brisbane. Senator Kennedy was gracious to tape that address for me. It was warmly received by the 1,400 international delegates gathered to discuss cutting edge research.

A year later, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd awarded the 2008 Prime Minister's Prize for Science to Professor Ian Frazer for the creation of vaccines which protect against the virus that causes cervical cancer, Gardasil and Cervarix, now available commercially.

This exchange recommitted my efforts to return to build relations in this sector between the U.S. and Australia. I support Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick in passing his Life Science Act to stimulate investment in this fast growing sector of our economy.

On stage in June at the BIO2008 conference in San Diego, two governors received awards for their leadership in implementing a decade long investment program in biotechnology: Gov. Deval Patrick of Massachusetts and Premier Peter Beattie of Queensland, Australia.

I support Sara Orozco for many reasons but her support for this bill is a clincher for me. Please go to the polls on Nov. 4 to vote for her.

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