Senator Markey Statement – Stop Private Jet Expansion Rally

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The climate crisis is indisputable. We just experienced the hottest summer on record with intense storms, severe wildfires, and devastating flooding.

Private jets spew tons of carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to this crisis. Private jet travel is a luxury our climate cannot afford. I hear your concerns around the proposed expansion of hangar space at Hanscom Field, and I plan to closely review the forthcoming environmental impact assessments, to ensure our communities and our planet aren't left with devastating consequences.

In Congress, I have introduced the Fueling Alternative Transportation with a Carbon Aviation Tax Act—or "FATCAT" for short. The FATCAT Act would make the jet-setting 1 percent pay the full cost of their pollution and pay their fair share to use our nation's airport infrastructure. This legislation could raise hundreds of millions of dollars to protect environmental justice communities from air pollution and to expand access to public transit.

To prevent further climate disaster, we must ground our dependence on fossil fuels and immediately lift-off toward a future powered by clean, efficient technologies. My FATCAT Act will help us achieve that future, while ensuring the folks most responsible for climate pollution don't leave the rest of us footing their bill.