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April 29, 2022

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CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences Innovation and Education Wing Project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences 60 Bigelow Drive East Boothbay, ME, 04544

This funding will support the construction of a new Innovation and Education Wing at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. The new Wing will house laboratory space for four additional Senior Research Scientists, increasing scientific productivity and understanding of the foundations of global ocean health. Further, this will allow expansion for two additional classrooms (20-person capacity each) and teaching laboratories (20-person capacity each) that will serve high school and undergraduate students across the state of Maine and around the world.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree

Member of Congress