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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Maine High-Performance Computing Hub Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Colby College, located at:

4000 Mayflower Hill,
Waterville, Maine
04901

The funding would be used to purchase additional high-performance computing equipment and enabling infrastructure for the Maine High-Performance Computing Hub, which will expand capacity to drive innovation, workforce development, and economic growth across the district and statewide. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will add computing capacity that supports precision medicine, artificial intelligence, the blue economy, and sustainable food systems—sectors vital to U.S. economic competitiveness and security. By expanding access to advanced computational capability, the project will advance national innovation priorities and enable more uniquely situated Maine-based organizations to translate data-intensive research and development into practical applications.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.



I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chellie R.", written in a cursive style.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress