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AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES

May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Accelerating the Development of Plastic Alternatives and Other Products Derived from Maine's Natural Resources in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Northeastern University, located at:

Northeastern University
100 Fore St
Portland, Maine
04101

The funding would be used for investing in equipment for advanced manufacturing of sustainable materials and biomanufacturing and to support workforce training and accessible research from ideation to product development in the next generation of bioproducts derived from natural resources such as timber, agricultural waste, and seaweed. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because advanced manufacturing requires high upfront costs compared to traditional manufacturing methods but provides significant value in added process efficiency and capabilities, and investing in this infrastructure will accelerate development of Maine's marine resources for advanced biotechnology and enable Maine's leadership in the next generation of bioproducts and alternatives to plastic.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 Pingree".

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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