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Congress of the United States
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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Central Maine Community College Public Service Simulation Center Expansion in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Maine Community College, located at 1250 Turner Street, Auburn, Maine, 04210. The funding would be used for infrastructure to support the expansion of Central Maine Community College's (CMCC) Public Service Simulation Center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this expansion would strengthen students' preparedness for beginning a career in law enforcement and it would strengthen public safety service by increasing space and functionality of the center for any law enforcement agencies and public service organizations to utilize for training, including active shooter response, tactical operations, de-escalation, methods of arrest, forensic science, criminal investigation, crisis intervention, and more. There is a police officer workforce shortage in Maine, so this project is a priority for not only increasing the workforce, but ensuring Maine has candidates that are better equipped for the job. Additionally, it will ensure better training for the current law enforcement workforce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared F. Golden".

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress