



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

March 19, 2026

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
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Maine Coastal Lobster Early Life-Stage Research and Community Hatchery Pilot Program in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maine, located at 168 College Avenue, Orono, ME 04469. The funding would be used to establish a coastal research and monitoring platform focused on the earliest life stages of the American lobster, providing new scientific information needed to support sustainable fisheries management and coastal ecosystem stewardship. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it will develop a pilot network of community-based lobster research and education hatcheries using existing marine research infrastructure and staff across the Maine coast

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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