



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
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Maine State Police Crime Lab in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maine Department of Public Safety, located at 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 1, Augusta, ME 04330. The funding would be used to modernize the State Police Crime Laboratory to enhance forensic capacity, improve accuracy, and increase timeliness. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it will reduce backlog, shorten case cycle times, increase success rates for investigative leads, and strengthen adherence to accreditation best practices.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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