Congressionally Directed Spending Requests—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Planning for the Future of Maine’s Lobster Industry
Recipient: Maine Department of Marine Resources
Project Location: Administered in Augusta, ME, for Maine Coastal Communities
Amount Requested: $765,000
Project Purpose: To support planning and industry engagement regarding management measures to protect endangered right whales and preserve Maine’s iconic lobster industry. Regulatory actions to protect the whales may have far-reaching impacts across Maine’s coastal communities and economy.

Satellite Chipset Computer Science Learning Module
Recipient: Educate Maine
Project Location: Portland, ME
Amount Requested: $400,000
Project Purpose: For a STEM education program to introduce Maine students to satellite chipset data collection and analysis capabilities to address scientific questions. This programming includes a competition for student science projects to ride on a future rocket launch.

Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office Equipment Purchasing
Recipient: Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office
Project Location: Cumberland County, ME
Amount Requested: $250,000
Project Purpose: To allow the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office to purchase and implement body-worn cameras and in-car camera systems. By deploying this technology, the Office will be able to improve the delivery of law enforcement services in Cumberland County.

Midcoast Law Enforcement Equipment Purchasing Program
Recipient: Midcoast Council of Governments
Project Location: Damariscotta, ME
Amount Requested: $750,000
Project Purpose: To create a law enforcement equipment purchasing program for communities across Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties. Many smaller communities do not have the resources to request federal funding independently.

Strengthening Local and Regional Seafood Systems for Resilient Communities
Recipient: University of Maine
Project Location: Orono, ME (statewide reach)
Amount: $2,000,000
Purpose: To build a consortium of researchers, government officials, technical assistance providers, and fishing community partners to support local and regional seafood systems. Catalyzing these systems will help to ensure the seafood sector is resilient to future shocks and will also contribute to the economic prosperity of coastal communities.
Advanced-Manufacturing Materials Research
Recipient: University of Maine
Project Location: Orono, ME
Amount Requested: $10,000,000
Project Purpose: To construct a digital research Factory of the Future to advance large-scale, bio-based additive manufacturing using advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, high performance computing, and collaborative arrays of large 3D printers and subtractive systems. The facility will drive innovation and new technology development in affordable housing, clean energy, construction, transportation, boatbuilding, and furniture industries.
June 18, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman Shaheen, and Ranking Member Moran:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator