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The Honorable Jared Golden
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Representative Golden:

On behalf of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce (MMCC), I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Colby College's proposal to expand the **Maine High Performance Computing Hub (MHPCH)** in Waterville. This expansion is a vital step toward securing Maine's economic future by providing the infrastructure needed for high-tech workforce development and industry innovation.

The MHPCH is strategically positioned to support Maine's rapidly growing life sciences sector, which currently employs nearly 10,000 individuals with an average annual salary exceeding \$108,000. This industry alone contributes \$2.3 billion to Maine's Gross Regional Product (GRP), and additional high-performance computing (HPC) capacity will further accelerate this growth.

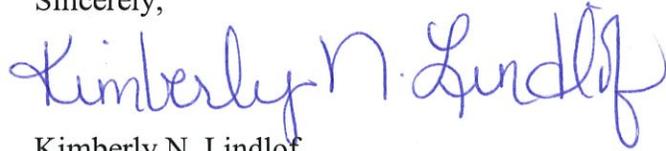
By bolstering the Hub's resources at launch, we can immediately enhance the region's economic landscape in the following ways:

- **Job Creation & Economic Resilience:** The project is projected to help create up to 250 new jobs over the next five years.
- **Startup Success:** With targeted accelerator support, regional startup survival rates are expected to rise by 35%, fostering a more robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- **Business Competitiveness:** Local industries—from manufacturing to healthcare analytics—will gain access to the computational power necessary to compete in the \$5.2 trillion global digital economy.

- **Strategic Recruitment:** High-performance computing is a major draw for tech-driven companies, making Waterville and the broader Mid-Maine region more attractive for business expansion and site selection.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical investment. We believe this initiative will ensure Maine remains a leader in the data-driven industries of the future.

Sincerely,



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