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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is a privilege to represent you and your family during these challenging times and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

I know that the COVID-19 pandemic has created a great number of challenges for families across Maine and the country. Please know that as your representative in Congress, the health and safety of you and your loved ones remains my top priority. I am working hard to ensure that the Congressional response to this public health crisis helps Mainers, including some of our most vulnerable, and Maine businesses and institutions. In response to this crisis, Congress has passed several pieces of legislation that were signed into law. Together, these relief packages have provided funding for vaccine development, expanded unemployment benefits, established a loan program for small businesses, and much more.

Additionally, this crisis has severely strained the resources of state and local governments as they ramp up relief programs while facing serious looming revenue shortages. That is why I was proud to support The Heroes Act which, among other things, would create a fund that would send \$5 billion in flexible funding to the state and municipal governments across Maine. I'll continue fighting to see this funding included in a future relief package. You can find more details on The Heroes Act, including a town-by-town breakdown of projected distributions from this fund, on my website.

In addition to working on COVID-19 relief legislation, my colleagues and I in Congress are also continuing our regular business, including the important work of appropriations. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am working to support programs important to Maine, such as rural broadband investment, Head Start, PFAS clean up, and shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works. Further, I firmly believe we need to make substantial investments in all aspects of our infrastructure, from safe drinking water and modernized schools, to upgraded highways, transit, and rail.

Our country is facing unprecedented challenges, and I want you to know that my staff and I are doing all we can to support Mainers during this crisis. If you are unsure of the resources available to you, are having difficulty access resources, or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chellie Pingree".

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress