

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 15, 2019

The Honorable Megan J. Brennan
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
Washington, DC 20260-0004

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

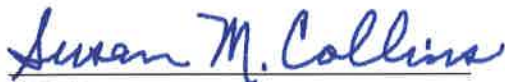
We write to express our strong support for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) collaboration with the State of Maine to create a commemorative postal stamp in celebration of Maine's bicentennial on March 15, 2020. Since joining the Union 199 years ago as the 23rd state in 1820, Maine has contributed enormously to the social fabric of our country.

The people of Maine are diverse, hard-working, and kind. Grateful in good times and resilient in bad, Mainers exemplify community spirit at its best. Our state motto is *Dirigo*, "I lead," and the people of Maine have always demonstrated the strong commitment to serve others above themselves. In fact, Maine has one of the highest percentages of veterans per capita in the United States.

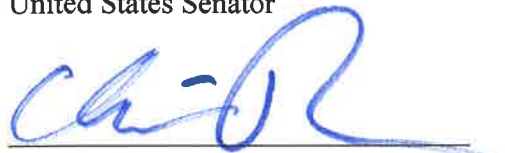
Land and people live in harmony in the beautiful state we are proud to call home. Known as "The Pine Tree State" and "Vacationland," Maine is blessed with spectacular scenery that touches not only the hearts of the 1.3 million people who live there, but those of millions of Americans who vacation in our state every year. Home to some of the country's most popular hiking and skiing destinations, pristine beaches and lakes, rolling fields, and millions of acres of undeveloped forestland, Maine has an abundance of opportunities for residents and visitors alike to experience nature. The austere beauty of Mount Katahdin, one of New England's tallest mountains, calls many outdoor enthusiasts every summer to hike and camp. Maine's rugged coastline and vibrant fall foliage, seen in particular splendor in Acadia National Park, have inspired generations of artists. From the Atlantic waters off Maine's coast comes the best lobster in the world and from our fertile soil comes potatoes and wild blueberries that are unmatched.

Thank you for working with the State of Maine to create a commemorative postal stamp in honor of Maine's bicentennial in 2020 that celebrates our cultural history and rich heritage. We look forward to its reveal!

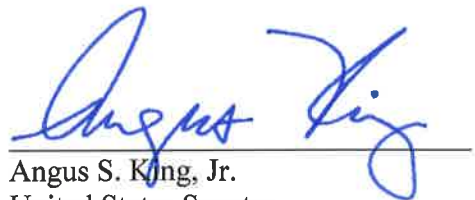
Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



Jared Golden
Member of Congress