



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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CHELLIE PINGREE

1ST DISTRICT
MAINE

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for inviting me to celebrate the LEED (Leadership and Energy in Environmental Design) Gold Certification of Poland Springs' new Kingfield facility. I am sorry I am unable to be with you today.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building system that verifies a building was constructed using strategies in order to improve performance in energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts. This new Kingfield facility will save approximately 70.4 million BTU's of energy each year an estimated 140,000 gallons of water per year. In addition, this facility has created over 40 jobs during extremely difficult economic times for our state and nation. I applaud Poland Springs' stewardship of our environment and commitment to our state's economy.

I wish you and your employees the best of luck in the future and I look forward to seeing you in Maine soon.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress