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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to offer my words of congratulations to Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory as you celebrate your new green laboratory building and 110 years of excellence in research and education.

Energy conservation is important to curbing rising heating and electricity bills, and you have worked hard to make this building environmentally friendly. By supporting green initiatives, you have built a scientific laboratory registered with the U.S. Green Building Council that raises the threshold for other buildings in Maine to become more energy efficient. I commend you for your efforts to obtain a high level of LEED certification, which demonstrates your strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

Your partners, including WBRC Architects/Engineer Inc, Nickerson & O'Day, and Allied Engineering have provided advice and assistance in attaining this goal. Hunter Panels donated the roof insulation, which is one of the most energy efficient components of this project.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate MDI Biological Laboratory's 110th anniversary. I look forward to another 110 years to of ingenuity in scientific marine research.

Again, congratulations, and I look forward to visiting this facility in the future.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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