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Dear Friends:

I wish to extend my congratulations as you celebrate the grand reopening of the newly expanded Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education.

Thanks to the generous donations of the Smith and Osher families, as well as other individual collectors, the University of Southern Maine's vision of housing one of this nation's premiere rare map libraries is now a reality. This beautiful new facility provides space for approximately 300,000 maps and materials, and offers Maine's schoolchildren, university scholars and researchers, and the public an opportunity to view these fascinating treasures, thereby expanding the library's efforts to serve and enrich the community.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for your continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Collins".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator