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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share with you a unique opportunity that has greatly enhanced our fourth-grade curriculum here at Old Town Elementary School.. We have been working with a local business called Box of Maine, and I highly recommend this program to other schools.

If you haven't heard of Box of Maine, they send boxes of Maine-themed food items around the world. Each box is filled with a variety of items that showcase the history, culture, and geography of Maine. Our 4th graders, with financial support from our local PTC group, receive a monthly box with a different Maine food item that connects to what we are studying. For example, while studying about important Maine crops, we received a box that included chocolate covered blueberries and Needhams (which are made with potatoes). The items are always unique and interesting, and the students look forward to receiving the box each month. We have used the items in the box to spark discussions about the state's history, geography, and culture. It has helped our students better understand Maine's place in the world and its unique contributions.

I believe that this program could benefit other schools as well. I know that Box of Maine is eager to expand this idea to other classrooms and schools. If you are interested in learning more, feel free to contact me or reach out to Dan, the amazing owner of Box of Maine.

Thank you for considering this opportunity, and I hope that you find it as valuable as we have.

Sincerely,

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