

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Student:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Congressional App Challenge**.

This competition is a nationwide event intended to engage students' creativity and encourage their participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields. It invites you to compete with your peers by creating and exhibiting a software application, or "app," for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of your choice.

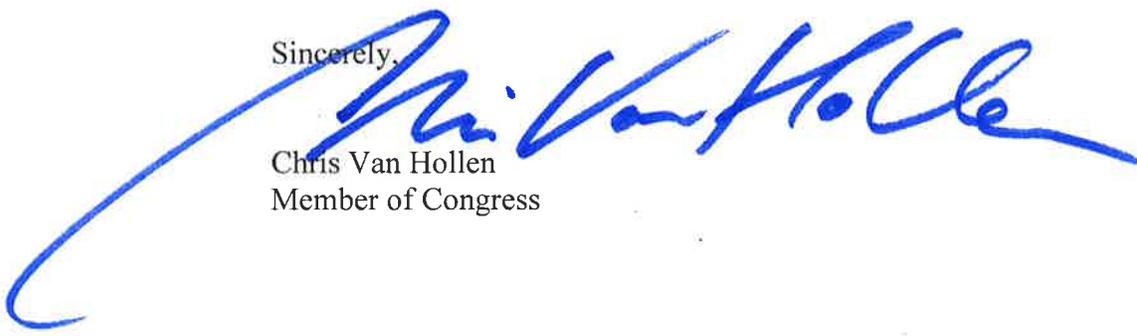
You may enter individually or as part of a team of up to four, provided two of the teammates live or attend school in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District. Participating students must submit their app's source code online by noon on **November 2, 2016** and provide a video demo explaining their app and what they learned through the competition process.

The apps will be judged by a panel of experts who work within our community's academic, software, and entrepreneurial fields. The app of the winning student or team in each participating congressional district will be featured on the U.S. House of Representatives' website (www.house.gov) and displayed in an exhibition in the U.S. Capitol.

Additional details are available at www.congressionalappchallenge.us. Updates will be posted in the coming weeks and on my website at www.vanhollen.house.gov. Copies of the Challenge's guidelines and submission requirements are enclosed.

I hope that you will participate. If you have any questions, please call my district office at (301) 424-3501 or email Ms. Austin Morris at austin.morris@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress