

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

November 16, 2015

Dear High School 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 students to compete with peers by creating and exhibiting their software application, or "app," for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice.

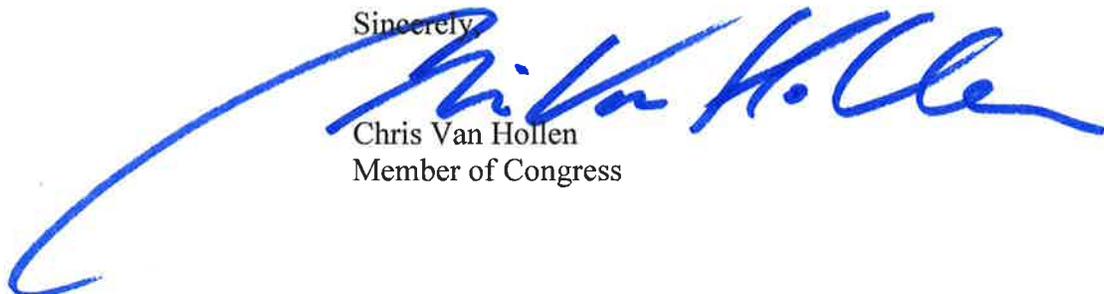
You may enter individually or as part of a team of up to four, provided two of the students live or attend school in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District. Participating students must submit their app's source code online by midnight on **January 15, 2016** and provide a video demo explaining their app and what they learned through the competition process.

The apps will be judged by a panel of "judges" 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](http://www.house.gov)) and displayed in an exhibition in the U.S. Capitol.

Additional details are available at [www.congressionalappchallenge.us](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us). Updates will be posted in the coming weeks and on my website at [www.vanhollen.house.gov](http://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](mailto:austin.morris@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Chris Van Hollen  
Member of Congress