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Congressman Ed Case
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Case:

As a member of Blood Bank of Hawaii's (BBH) Board of Directors and President of The Queen's Medical Center, I am honored to write this letter in support of the Blood Bank of Hawaii's Community Funding Project request.

The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's) is a nonprofit hospital with a 162-year legacy of caring for the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. A member of The Queen's Health Systems' family of hospitals, The Queen's Medical Center is the largest private hospital in Hawaii. It is licensed for 575 acute care beds. Queen's is also the state's designated trauma center--the first and only Level I trauma center in Hawaii. A major teaching hospital, Queen's serves as a clinical training site for the residency programs of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Our patient's lives depend on BBH operating 24/7. Without blood, many of our programs wouldn't exist. For instance, Queen's operates the only organ transplant center in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. Our program continues to be highly successful in its outcomes and we depend on BBH to perform these lifesaving transplants.

In addition, our Cancer Center, a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, one of the nation's leading cancer programs, is also highly dependent on the blood and blood products that Blood Bank of Hawaii provides us.

Without this blood, lives would be lost, surgeries cancelled, and hospital programs jeopardized.

We are grateful that this new facility will enable BBH to continue to be proactive in adopting technology as clinical protocols become more sophisticated.

Thank you for your consideration of support for this new facility that will impact the lives of patients throughout our state for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Jason Chang
President