



**COUNCIL for
NATIVE HAWAIIAN
ADVANCEMENT**

April 23, 2021

The Honorable Ed Case
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, INPEACE

Dear Congressman Ed Case,

On behalf of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (“CNHA”), we are very pleased to submit this letter of strong support for the Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE) in their application for funding to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government.

INPEACE is well known for innovative programs that focuses on Early learning and School Readiness, Educational Equity and Teacher Development and Family Economic Capacity Building. Their services are offered in our most distressed communities where poverty, unemployment and underemployment have a significant impact on the educational outcomes for our families in community.

The proposed Community Outreach Lab project is critical for entrepreneurs and small businesses in our rural communities. We understand the funding for this project will support and assist small business entrepreneurs to thrive during Post COVID-19 by providing training for billing software, payroll, inventory, and any other technical training they may need.

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is a member-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians. CNHA is a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) certified by the U.S. Treasury department and a HUD-Certified Housing Counseling agency. We provide access to capital, financial education, and individualized financial counseling services with a focus on low and moderate-income families. CNHA serves as a National Intermediary, providing grants and loans targeting underserved communities in Hawai‘i.

We attest that INPEACE puts children, families, and community at the very heart of what they do. We believe they can implement this proposed project and therefore give our full support to their application. We look forward to our continued partnership with INPEACE to ensure our community is economically developed and strengthened.

Sincerely,

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