



April 27, 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 Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i 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 well-managed and innovative programs. 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 beginning 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 Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i had the great pleasure and privilege of working with INPEACE to deliver a series of business roundtable discussions focused on how start-up's can seize new opportunities and stabilize their businesses during the pandemic. Our Board of Directors and select community partners from Hawai'i's innovation and entrepreneurship sectors provided expert guidance and resources to the Ho'oulu Waiwai Business Development cohort based on their unique product and service businesses. We were impressed with INPEACE's and the cohort members dedication, commitment and passion for creating new business ventures while also integrating core Hawaiian values into their products so they are contributing to a better more resilient Hawai'i.

We attest that INPEACE puts children, families and community at the very heart of what they do. We believe they are capable of implementing 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Creighton Liu', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Creighton Liu
Chairman

Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i