



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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

Dear Congressman Case:

As Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, I am urging strong support for the Blood Bank of Hawai'i's Community Funding Project request.

As you know, I have spent most of my life as a family physician and ER doctor in rural hospitals and clinics on the Big Island. In my work as an emergency room doctor on weekends, I know first-hand the importance of having a dependable local blood supply for our state. Our emergency rooms statewide depend on the Blood Bank to save lives.

The Blood Bank of Hawai'i is also a leader in implementing new technologies to save lives. When the Blood Bank of Hawai'i launched a COVID-19 convalescent plasma program, I was able to donate plasma. I knew that my friends and family could get sick someday and I wanted them to have the best possible treatment to stay alive.

Our entire state depends on the Blood Bank of Hawai'i to collect blood, separate the components, store the blood for use and prepare it for transfusion to recipients.

Blood Bank of Hawai'i's proposed new facility will ensure they can continue to work with our medical centers across our state to save the lives of accident victims, people undergoing surgery and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

This new facility is a high priority for our state, and I appreciate your consideration of their request for support of their project.

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Lieutenant Governor