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Congressman Ed Case, United States Representative (HI– 01) 2210 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Case,

As the Mayor of Maui County representing over 167,000 residents spanning the Islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i, I am writing in strong support of the Blood Bank of Hawaii's Community Funding Project request.

I was so proud of our residents when so many who had recovered from COVID-19 stepped up to donate plasma to help treat Hawaii's hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Our community knows the importance of the Blood Bank of Hawaii and has always stepped up to donate blood.

While the new facility will be built on Oahu, we are supportive of their efforts because the blood products needed to perform lifesaving treatments at our three hospitals in Maui County is available from the Blood Bank of Hawaii.

The residents and visitors to Maui, Moloka`i, and Lana`i depend on the Blood Bank of Hawaii every day to provide blood products for lifesaving treatments at Kaiser Permanente's Maui Health, Lana`i Community Hospital and Moloka`i General Hospital. I am fully supportive of the Blood Bank of Hawaii's request for support and look forward to seeing the completion of construction of this new facility that will benefit Maui County for generations to come.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI

CC: Lori Abe, Director of Donor Services, Blood Bank of Hawaii