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Aloha!

Almost halfway through this 116th Congress (2019-2020), I want to report back to you again on my activities as your U.S. Representative and to ask for your input.

These are very difficult times for our country and world, with our many complex issues worsened by deep division. My commitment has been to contribute to national leadership that rises above these divisions and find the best way forward for all Americans. You can find my voting record and more information on my national efforts on my website at case.house.gov.

Equally important is my commitment to assure that our Hawaii's needs are fully addressed by our federal government. My service on the House Committee on Appropriations, responsible for all federal discretionary spending, is key to my doing so. I've summarized some of my appropriations work here and there's more information on my website.

Finally, I'm also committed to assisting you and yours with your individual needs and concerns, especially with our federal government. I've provided some examples of how we've been able to help constituents.

I have always believed in keeping in touch with you every way I can, especially through my open house Talk Story meetings throughout the communities I represent. Last April I hosted five Talk Story with Congressman Ed Case meetings in 'Aina Haina, Downtown, Kalihi, Waipahu and 'Ewa Beach. Now I'm doing five more in other communities and hope to see you there. I'm also doing an E-Talk Story by phone and online if that works better for you.

My great staff and I are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to hearing from you.
Please contact us and sign up for my regular e-newsletter at case.house.gov.

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TALK STORY

with Congressman Ed Case

Please come to any of my five October Talk Story community meetings throughout our First Congressional District for a personal update from me, to let me know of your own thoughts and questions, and to ask for my office's assistance with your own needs. Light refreshments served. Or else please join my E-Talk Story.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6:30PM-8:30PM
Washington Middle School Cafeteria
1633 S. King Street, **Honolulu**

Thursday, October 3, 2019

6:30PM-8:30PM
Pearlridge Elementary School Cafeteria
98-940 Moanalua Road, **'Aiea/Pearl City**

Friday, October 4, 2019

6:30PM-8:30PM
Kokohead Elementary School Cafeteria
189 Lunalilo Home Road, **East Honolulu**

Saturday, October 5, 2019

9:30AM-11:30AM
Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria
95-1111 Makaikai Street,
Mililani Town/Mililani Mauka

1:30PM-3:30PM
Kapolei Middle School Cafeteria
91-5335 Kapolei Parkway, **Kapolei**

ELECTRONIC TALK STORY

Monday, October 7, 2019 – 6:30 PM to 8 PM – Connect with me either through phone or social media. To sign up, please go to my web site at <https://case.house.gov>. For more information, please call my District Office at 808-650-6688.



Discussing current issues at one of my five April Talk Story community meetings



U.S. Congressman Ed Case Reports

Providing the best possible representation for our Hawai'i and you in Congress depends on always staying in touch.



APPROPRIATIONS

Much of my work in DC has been focused in my House Appropriations Committee on assuring fair and adequate funding for Hawai'i. The full US House has approved some \$1.3 trillion of Appropriations' recommended funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Here are some examples (more detail at case.house.gov):

- \$19 billion in emergency natural disaster aid for impacted communities including Hawai'i's flood and volcano-related
- \$11 billion in military construction including major facilities for all branches in Hawai'i
- \$80 billion for medical care for veterans and their families, including increases for telehealth and disability claims processing
- \$3.5 billion for state and local law enforcement including violence against women and community oriented policing
- \$14 billion for natural resource and environmental protection including \$3.4 billion for our national parks
- \$192 billion for labor, health, human services and education child development, community based health care and student aid
- \$8.5 billion for the 2020 Census
- \$900 million for assistance to small business
- \$600 million to assist state and local governments with 2020 election security
- \$17 million for the East-West Center
- \$3.9 billion for infrastructure projects including Hawai'i harbor improvements
- \$1.4 billion in impact aid to assist public education in communities like Hawai'i with a high military presence
- \$80 million for Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native education, health care, economic development and veterans
- \$24 billion for HUD Section 8 affordable housing assistance
- \$3.5 million for Japanese American Confinement Sites including Honouliuli



Updating status of U.S.S. Arizona repairs with U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt



Hosting Kamehameha Day celebration in the U.S. Capitol

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to Appropriations, I pursued various other efforts including through my service on the House Natural Resources Committee. Here are some examples (more detail at case.house.gov):

- Founded the Congressional Pacific Islands Caucus to focus national attention on the Pacific and Hawai'i's role
- Co-introduced HR 1, the most sweeping campaign/lobbying reform bill in a generation, which was approved by the House
- Co-introduced HR 8, the Bipartisan Background Check Act, and several other measures that passed the House to address our crisis of gun violence
- Co-introduced HR 5, the Equality Act, which was approved by the House
- Visited our Hawai'i Army National Guard troops stationed in Kosovo and Egypt on peacekeeping assignment including special Talk Stories
- Re-introduced the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act, which I had first introduced in my prior service
- Obtained full House approval of six floor amendments on various initiatives including climate change impacts on our oceans
- Advocated for full discharge of Congress' constitutional duty to oversee the Executive Branch including support for subpoenas where necessary
- Cosponsored comprehensive proposal to assure longterm stability of Social Security

- Conducted nine Talk Story open community meetings throughout my district including three focused on federal funding, natural resources, veterans and unions
- Co-introduced and supported full House passage of various bills to curb invasive robocalls
- Replied to close to 20,000 communications from constituents on various issues



Visiting Hawai'i Army National Guard troops stationed at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo



In Appropriations Committee questioning U.S. Attorney General William Barr on Mueller Report

INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE (CASEWORK)

Just as important as my efforts in DC on national issues and helping Hawai'i through Appropriations and otherwise, I am committed to assisting you with your individual needs especially with our federal government (what we call casework in Congress). Here are just four examples of how we've been able to help folks:

- **Veterans Administration.** A constituent asked me for assistance in expediting her father's VA disability claim for hearing loss resulting from his service in the Korean War as the VA had not been responsive. We were able to do so, and her father's claim was approved with issuance of a hearing aid.
- **Immigration.** A constituent asked me for assistance with his fiance's visa documents which had been sent to the wrong embassy. The federal government recognized its mistake but was going to charge them for a new application and restart their waiting period. We were able to get the fee waived and the visa promptly processed and issued.
- **Military.** A servicemember constituent suffering from already-diagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder requested transfer to accommodate his condition, but his request was not being promptly addressed. We were able to obtain prompt consideration and approval of his transfer.
- **Tax.** A constituent was entitled to a tax refund but had not received it for close to a year. We were able to focus the IRS on issuing her refund.
- **Civil rights.** A federal employee constituent requested assistance with obtaining the required proper accommodation for her disability from her employer. We were able to obtain both the accommodation and issuance by the agency of a memo to all managers and supervisors reminding them of the federal employer's obligations under civil rights law.

SERVING YOU

Both I and my great staff in D.C. and Honolulu are here to serve you. Here are just some of the services we offer you:

- **Welcoming Your Input and Questions.** We want to know what you think and to answer your questions on issues of interest to you.
- **Visiting Our Offices.** We welcome you to visit our offices in D.C. and Honolulu to meet personally. If you come to D.C., we can also show you our U.S. Capitol and assist with tours and suggestions for other D.C. attractions.
- **Casework.** Like the examples above, we can help you and yours with any individual concerns in areas like Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits, immigration and many others.
- **Joining Your Events and Recognizing Achievements.** I look forward to joining community events whenever I can and my staff can often do so for me when I can't. We can also send congratulatory messages for special events and occasions.

Please feel free to contact us for these services on any other area you think we may be able to assist at our phone numbers, or at ed.case@mail.house.gov, or our website at case.house.gov.