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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
For SBA's Funding of Community Outreach Lab Project**

Dear Congressman Ed Case,

On behalf of the Office of Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, I am 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. I 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.

Now more than ever, we need to continue to support our underserved communities as well as open more doors to opportunity for our small businesses to thrive. I have the upmost confidence that INPEACE will succeed in these endeavors.

It is clear that INPEACE puts children, families and community at the very heart of what they do. I believe they are capable of implementing this proposed project and therefore give my full support to their application. I look forward to the continued partnership with INPEACE to ensure our community is economically developed, viable, and strengthened.

Sincerely,



Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro