



July 19, 2023

Aloha!

Aloha Friend,

I want to first congratulate both returning and new members of the 24 Neighborhood Boards in my Congressional district. You are my valued partners in representing the people of Honolulu, and I look forward to continuing to work together with you and all Boards on their behalf.

Staying In Touch. We are already over halfway through 2023 and the first year of the two-year 118th Congress, and our Hawai'i has already seen much change, with a new Governor and administration and the much-anticipated start of the Skyline transit project. In such times for our country and home, staying in touch with you, as well as keeping close contact with our mutual constituents, is especially important.

As part of this effort, I was especially happy to resume my full in-person Talk Story sessions, which I hosted at six schools across my district in April. I also look forward to meeting you in person at my next series of community sessions later in the year or otherwise.

Working With City Hall. My partnerships with the Mayor and his team as well as with the City Council are especially crucial. On July 3, I joined Managing Director Formby at a roundtable discussion on homelessness hosted by visiting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development (and my former House colleague) Marcia Fudge (see that story in the newspaper [here](#)).

In April, I joined the Mayor at his regular Cabinet meeting to highlight the federal funding that has come, and with continued joint focus can come, from major federal legislation including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), both of which I strongly supported in Congress. You can also follow how these two measures are delivering for our Hawai'i by going to my web site: the BIL [here](#) and the IRA [here](#). I have also met one-on-one with members of the Council including Chair Waters to discuss mutual needs and concerns and how I can help.

Mid-Year Report. At mid-2023 already, I continue to focus in various efforts on each of my three core responsibilities: (1) contributing to national leadership; (2) helping Hawai'i; and (3) helping my constituents with your own questions and needs.

At the national level, the first three-plus months were consumed by a debt limit crisis that never should have been to start with. I focused as Vice Chair of my House Problem Solvers Caucus and Co-Chair of our Debt/Deficit Working Group on forging a practical solution to avert the crisis and address our unsustainable federal finances [here](#). While we were successful in the short-term, long-term fiscal stability is clearly unfinished business.

As I commenced my fifth year on our U.S. House Committee on Appropriations, responsible for funding our federal government, I undertook new responsibilities as a member of our Subcommittees on Defense, which oversees our military and intelligence budgets, and Homeland Security, which oversees several key agencies including our Coast Guard. We are well into a difficult Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024) appropriations process which consumes the majority of my time and effort. My website includes periodic releases on my appropriations work including many positive results for our Hawai'i [here](#).

I also continue to be directly focused on defueling and closing Red Hill and addressing health and other consequences, including funding now over \$2 billion to this overall effort. Through a lot of coordination and hard work, it appears that defueling will commence in October of this year and

be completed in the first half of next year. This will continue as one of my top priorities throughout.

I also entered my fifth year on our U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, responsible for national policy on our endangered resources as well indigenous peoples including Native Hawaiians. On Natural Resources and otherwise, I continued my focus on protecting our world's oceans, and was deeply honored to receive a national leadership award for my work [here](#).

We continue to face many other major issues in Congress, from ongoing inflation and high living costs to crime, climate change, Ukraine, China, inequality, a fraying social safety net and more, compounded by political division and polarization. For more information on these issues and my efforts, please check out my website at case.house.gov or email me at ed.case@mail.house.gov.

Calling On Entrants For My Congressional App Challenge. I am happy to once again host my annual Congressional App Challenge (CAC).

The App Challenge was established by Congress to encourage youth participation and foster creativity and innovation in computer science by allowing students across the country, through their Members of Congress, to compete against their peers in creating a software application (app) for a smartphone, tablet or other computer device.

My app challenge is open to all middle and high school students in the 1st Congressional District of Hawai'i (O'ahu from Makapu'u Point through urban Honolulu to Mililani and down through Waipahu to Ewa Beach and Kapolei). The winning individual or team will be invited to Washington, DC for a reception and a two-day science fair called #HouseofCode, though airfare and accommodations are not provided. All winners will also have their apps displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for a year and receive various small prizes.

Each participant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Age: Students must be in middle or high school on November 1, 2023.
- Location: Students must either reside or attend school in the 1st Congressional District of Hawai'i.

- Teams: Students can compete as individuals or in teams of up to four students, in which at least two students must reside or attend school in the district.

The deadline to register and submit an app to my office is Wednesday, November 1, 2023, by 12:00 PM EDT. For more information on how to sign up as an entrant and the timeline for the competition, please go to my web site at [here](#) or reach out to my district office staffer, Julia Anuszezwska, at Julia.Anuszezwska@mail.house.gov.

Accepting Applications To Service Academies. I am also again now accepting applications for appointment nominations to our U.S. service academies for the 2024 incoming class.

One of my favorite and most serious duties as a member of U.S. Congress is nominating Hawaii's best and brightest young men and women to our nation's service academies. Last year, I had the privilege of again nominating many candidates to our service academies, many of whom are now attending, and I'm again honored to do my part to ensure that Hawai'i continues our long tradition of contributing to the next generation of America's outstanding military leaders.

While a Congressional nomination does not guarantee an appointment, it is a requirement for final consideration for the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Successful applicants must have high moral character, a strong academic record, and a motivation to dutifully serve our nation. An applicant must also be a U.S. citizen, a high school graduate between the ages of 17 and 23, unmarried, and have no dependents. Fully completed applications must be received by my office no later than Friday, October 13, 2023.

I encourage and invite students and school officials assisting candidates with their applications to mail in application packets to my Honolulu Office and or submit applications electronically in a Portable Document Format (.pdf) to my Honolulu office.

For more information, please visit my military academy nomination webpage [here](#) or contact Johnson Pham at Johnson.Pham@mail.house.gov or call my District Office at (808)650-6688.

As always, I deeply appreciate your consideration and assistance as we all work to find the best way forward for our country and Hawai'i. For more information on my efforts, and how we can help you, please visit my website at case.house.gov. If I can help you and yours with your own questions and needs, email us at ed.case@mail.house.gov, or call us at (808) 650-6688.

Be safe and be well.

*Mahalo nui loa,
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