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Aloha!

Aloha, Friend.

I am privileged to represent Hawaii's First Congressional District, which covers much of O'ahu, stretching from Makapu'u to Mililani and Kapolei. Within my district are 24 neighborhood boards (including yours), which provide a meaningful conduit for our shared constituents to engage all levels of government for the betterment of their communities. Neighborhood boards such as yours play a vital role in shaping local policies, addressing community concerns, and fostering collaboration between residents and government officials.

As we enter the second half of the year, I wish to share an update on some of the issues I'm addressing on behalf of our country, our Hawai'i and your local community.

As always, much of my work, which I pursue mainly through my House Appropriations Committee, has focused on ensuring that our island home gets its fair share of federal funding. Some of my current efforts on a very busy Capitol Hill are summarized below.

Delivering for Hawai'i. My Appropriations Committee, which oversees and funds our federal government, is developing twelve separate measures that together will fund our federal government for the upcoming fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2027). Although I had to oppose most of these measures because of serious big-picture policy disagreements with the administration and current Congressional majority, I secured many solid successes for our Hawai'i. These include:

- \$28 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund;
- \$17 million for the East-West Center at UH Mānoa;
- \$4.6 million for Japanese Confinement Site Grants, which support locations nationwide including Honouliuli;
- \$27 million for Women's Business Centers including the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership;
- \$763 million for Community Oriented Policing, including the Honolulu Police Department;
- \$34 million for Coral Reef Conservation led in Hawai'i;
- \$108 million for the American Battle Monuments Commission, which maintains the National Memorial of the Pacific at Punchbowl; and,
- \$3 million for agricultural canine detection and surveillance to combat invasive species and diseases.

Please click [here](#) for my releases on these measures and funding successes.

Funding Community Projects. According to a report by Congressional Quarterly, a non-partisan Congress tracking service, I rank 4th among all 214 Democrats in the House of Representatives in total funding for district community projects approved by the Appropriations Committee for FY 2027.

The report analyzed all approved Community Project Funding (CPFs) in the twelve federal funding measures. I gained approval of all 20 of my CPF requests for a total of \$18.9 million in my Appropriations Committee-approved FY27 measures, some of which have passed the full House and the rest of which are pending passage.

For the five full fiscal years for which CPFs have been approved, I have gained approval of 74 CPF requests for a total of \$326 million in

direct project funding for Hawaii's first congressional district. More [here](#). Link to Congressional Quarterly article [here](#).

Leading Reform of Gerrymandering. Gerrymandering is the manipulation of electoral district boundaries to give one political party or group an unfair advantage over others. I am co-leading an effort by my bipartisan House Problem Solvers Caucus to reform runaway gerrymandering of Congressional districts and restore trust in the redistricting process, limit partisan interference, advance broader representation and facilitate real solutions in Congress. Our framework [here](#) lays out the guideposts for real reform and demonstrates that even the toughest and most political issues can be solved on a bipartisan basis.

The 45-member Problem Solvers Caucus, of which I serve as a Vice Chair, is about facing and solving our toughest challenges and making our government work. I've co-led other Caucus efforts in key areas like federal fiscal and budget reform. You can learn more at <https://problemsolverscaucus.house.gov/>.

Countering Crime In The Indo-Pacific. I joined my Guam colleague, Congressman James Moylan (who also lived and worked in Hawai'i for more than a decade), in introducing our measure the *Pacific Islands Liaison Initiative Act*, in the U.S. House to boost efforts to counter growing transnational crime in the Indo-Pacific. This effort arises in part from our House Pacific Islands Caucus, a bipartisan Member group focused on the Pacific which I co-founded in 2019 and co-chair today. (More at <https://pacificislandscaucus-case.house.gov/>).

Our *Pacific Islands Liaison Initiative Act* addresses the growing use of Pacific Island nations as transit hubs for cross-Pacific illegal drug trade by transnational criminal networks, particularly narcotics traffickers. Our fellow Pacific Island nations which are being victimized as stop-offs in this Pacific drug highway are now suffering from related domestic crisis including addiction and broader public health issues such as an HIV epidemic in Fiji which is primarily spread through unsafe injection practices. Our Pacific 'ohana has clearly prioritized this crisis and asked for our continued partnership in both reducing the drug trade and addressing its consequences. See our measure [here](#).

Nominating Applicants To Service Academies.

An appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is a distinct and rare honor for many of our young residents. I am now beginning to receive and review applications for my nomination for classes beginning in Summer 2027.

My deadline to receive applications from eligible residents of my district (Honolulu from Makapū'u to Mililani and Kapolei) is Friday, October 9th. For detailed information on Congressional appointments to attend a service academy, visit my website [here](#).

I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that our community's voices are heard and concerns are met by our federal government wherever and however possible. Please contact my district office in Honolulu at (808) 650-6688 or ed.case@mail.house.gov if my team and I can ever be of assistance to you or your community. We're here to help.

*Mahalo nui loa,
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