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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Delauro:

I am requesting funding for the Restoring Abundance to Maunalua Bay through Aquaculture and Community Stewardship for Fishpond Restoration project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to restore fishpond habitat and enhance water quality at the Maunalua fishponds on O'ahu. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because restoring these traditional Hawaiian food production systems will provide a sustainable source of food for the community and contribute to the health of surrounding ecosystems by filtering pollutants and runoffs. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

With aloha,



Ed Case
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