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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1101

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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 Enhancing Hawai'i Cargo Security Through Advanced High-Entry Cargo Screening Systems project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Law Enforcement located at 715 S King St #400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used for an advanced high-energy cargo screening systems at Honolulu and Kalaeloa harbors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance the State's ability to interdict illegal fireworks, weapons, narcotics and other contraband, while also strengthening Hawaii's first line of defense against invasive species and other biosecurity threats entering through commercial freight pathways.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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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