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House of Representatives
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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 Drone as First Responder (DFR) project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Honolulu Police Department located at 801 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used for a DFR with an Intelligent Fixed Camera Surveillance Network, which will include automated drone launch systems, secure storage, maintenance bays and real-time streaming capabilities that allow drones to arrive on scene within minutes. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the DFR will deploy high resolution cameras enhanced with analytics to support rapid identification and threat detection for 911 calls or incidents, helping first responders respond more quickly and effectively.

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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