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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
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hawai'i Port Resilience and Coastal Erosion Study project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Transportation located at 79 S. Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to build on the work of a digital twin—real-time virtual replicas of port environments—that simulates impacts on infrastructure, logistics and supply chains. This project would enhance that model with wave modeling, vulnerability assessments, drone-based pier inspections and bathymetric surveys to advance resilience for Hawaii's maritime system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses vulnerabilities from coastal erosion and changing sea conditions impacting Hawaii's commercial ports.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (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,



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