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May 2, 2025

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 Fireshed Partnerships to Facilitate Wildfire Risk Reduction project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa located at 1910 East-West Rd Room 101, Honolulu, HI 96822.

The funding would be used for wildfire planning and risk mitigation activities. This includes mapping and assessing available fire-related resources and developing land management strategies to reduce the risk of wildfires. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly protects public safety, property and critical infrastructure by assessing risks and developing strategies to prevent and mitigate wildfires. 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,



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