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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 Aviation Fuel Tender project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Honolulu Fire Department located at the Kalaeloa Airport, Hangar 111, 1000 Midway Road Kapolei, HI 96707.

The funding would be used for the purchase of a relief fuel tender apparatus. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is currently no relief fuel tender apparatus should the current fuel tender be placed out of service for any reason, at which point aircraft would have to return to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport for fuel. It is critical to have a relief fuel tender for long rescue operations and wildland firefighting, particularly in Oahu's rural communities.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

With aloha,



Ed Case
Hawaii's-First District