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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the creation of a Community Disaster Preparedness Information Platform for Hawai'i in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), located at Birkhimer EOC, 3949 Diamond Head Rd, Honolulu, HI 96816.

The funding would be used to establish an information sharing platform that enables direct collaboration between HI-EMA and local companies, nonprofit organizations and anchor institutions during normal times and in events of disasters. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly improve Hawai'i's emergency management and preparedness capabilities by facilitating mobile-based evacuation support for local entities and residents while focusing on creating individual evacuation plans for vulnerable disaster victims who need special consideration for evacuation. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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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