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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 Hawai'i Pacific University Aquaculture Workforce Development project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hawai'i Pacific University located at 1 Aloha Tower Drive, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to purchase aquaculture support equipment, classroom equipment, establish a summer camp for high school students, develop an aquaculture degree and provide workforce participant stipends. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would develop the first aquaculture degree program on the Island of Oʻahu to support the economic growth of Hawaii's aquaculture industry through workforce development, education and training. 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,

Ed Case

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