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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 Marine Finfish Hatchery for Stock Enhancement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Aquatic Resources located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to establish the first state-operated marine finfish hatchery on O'ahu at the Division of Aquatic Resources Ānuenue Fisheries Research Center to support reef fish stock enhancement. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the hatchery will build capacity for broodstock management specific to O'ahu finfish populations, live-feed production and larval rearing for priority species, reducing reliance on inter-island transport and enabling place-based enhancement efforts aligned with statewide fisheries management goals.

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,



Ed Case
Hawai'i-First District