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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 Securing Water Quantity and Quality in the Ala Wai Watershed 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 Forestry and Wildlife located at 1151 Punchbowl St. Rm. 325 Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used for managing the invasive plant Miconia, which leads to increased propensity for erosion and landslides by limiting understory growth, throughout the Ala Wai watershed by establishing field crews, data management staff and coordinator positions. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the Ala Wai watershed is the most densely populated area in the state and encompasses Waikīkī, ensuring the watershed's long-term resilience is essential to Hawaii's economy and safety.

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
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