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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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 Waikīkī Flood Watch project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa located at 1680 East West Road Post 802, Honolulu, HI 96822.

The funding would be used to establish the Waikīkī Flood Watch, a cyberphysical testbed that produces a holistic understanding of compound flooding to provide earlier and more actionable guidance to city and state emergency managers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens public safety, protects critical infrastructure and businesses, and equips emergency managers with advanced tools to anticipate and respond to flooding events more effectively, reducing risk and safeguarding one of Hawaii's most vital coastal communities.

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,



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