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Aloha!

Aloha Friend.

As we continue through the confusing and chaotic first months of the Trump presidency, it is especially important that we stay in touch with each other and our mutual constituents.

To this end, during my recent week home, I cancelled all my usual meetings and hit the road to talk story one-on-one wherever I found my constituents.

I walked through neighborhoods like Mililani Mauka, Waipi'o Acres, 'Ewa Beach, Pacific Palisades, Liliha, Wai'alae Nui Valley and Kalama Valley, restaurants, coffee shops, grocery stores, small businesses, bowling alleys and other establishments in Mililani, Waipahu, Pearl City, 'Aiea, King Street, Kāhala and 'Āina Haina, veterans centers, senior care homes and churches in Kapolei, Niu Valley and Hawai'i Kai, and more. I talked with hundreds of my constituents, of all ages, all walks of life, across the political spectrum, and returned to Capitol Hill with an up-to-date understanding of my district's concerns and questions and directions.

As always, this e-newsletter updates you on some of my activities and invites you to let me know how you, your board and your district feel about the issues our Hawai'i and country are facing. The best way to keep up with what I'm doing, get your questions answered and ask for assistance is by visiting my website at <https://case.house.gov/>.

Continuing Ongoing Work

While the Trump administration is all-consuming, there is a whole parallel universe of Congressional work that is ongoing from month to month, year to year, regardless of who is President or the majority in Congress. This work follows the three parts of my mission: (1) contribute to leadership of our country, (2) assure that our federal government is helping our Hawai'i, and (3) assist my constituents with your own questions and concerns.

At this time of any year, my primary focus is our annual appropriations process, as my House Committee on Appropriations, responsible for federal funding and on which I am serving my seventh year, puts together our budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Top issues include continuing funding for major Hawai'i efforts like closing Red Hill and rebuilding Lahaina and working with my state and county government and community partners to minimize the deep damage of the administration's budget initiatives.

Here is a snapshot of some of my ongoing activities through April.



Assisting You and Yours

I continued to be focused on assisting my constituents with your own personal questions. Each year my office receives hundreds of such requests for assistance, including immigration matters, veterans in need of benefits and medical care, and help with key agencies such as Social Security, Medicare and the IRS.

Here are just some of our recent successes:

- A check for thousands of dollars was issued to a woman after our inquiry helped to correct erroneous information;
- Helped a constituent receive delayed retroactive survivor annuity payments
- A person mistakenly charged for a financing program was awarded a complete refund from the state.

If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out to my office in Honolulu at (808) 650-6688 or email me at ed.case@mail.house.gov and we can make a determination on how best to respond to your request.

Standing Up For The “Go For Broke” Soldiers of World War Two

In April, I joined the soldiers of the legendary 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Army Reservists at their “Go For Broke” day at Fort Shafter Flats. Just a few weeks earlier, I joined many across the country who expressed outrage when the Army apparently deleted the various original web sites that recognized the Nisei veterans of World War II who were members of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated Army unit for its size and length of service ever.

My efforts included a letter to the Secretary of the Army [here](#) stating that “erasing history one website at a time is no different than the tragic practices of the authoritarian regimes throughout history that so many of our own have sacrificed to oppose.” The Army restated the website, although continued vigilance is necessary against this unacceptable attempt to delete history.

Helping Small Businesses and Their Employees

One of the pieces of proposed legislation that I’ve introduced this year would direct the Small Business Administration to provide more targeted

assistance to companies and their employees to establish Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs), a powerful way to ensure employees become stakeholders and help run the business they've built.

This wealth-generating and retirement plan approach creates a more engaged and productive workforce by aligning employee interests with a company's success. This model also promotes a stronger sense of ownership and community and keeps investment and wealth in local economies, benefiting workers and their families.

In Hawai'i, we've seen firsthand the benefits of ESOPs. Hawai'i is home to the second-oldest ESOP chapter and one of the largest groups of ESOPs in our nation, underscoring the success and importance of employee-owned businesses in our state. You can read my release on introduction of my measure [here](#).

Leading The Effort To Halt Deep Seabed Mining

Immediately after the President issued an order to permit deep seabed mining, several of my House colleagues joined my letter calling on him to reconsider his decision to allow for the mining in U.S. and international waters, saying his order "recklessly prioritizes short-term economic gain over the current and long-term health of our oceans, ignoring the profound and potentially irreversible damage it could cause not just to fragile marine ecosystems but to all of our other ecosystems which are intertwined with our oceans."

Earlier this year, I introduced the *American Seabed Protection Act* and the *International Seabed Protection Act*, two critical bills that would halt new seabed mining permits in U.S. waters and advocate for a global moratorium on international seabed mining, including in an area south of the Big Islands. You can read about my efforts [here](#).

My Congressional Art Competition

Each spring since 1982, members of Congress have sponsored the Congressional Art Competition in their districts to recognize artistic talent and foster art education. In April, I announced the winners of my 2025 competition at Bishop Museum, where entries were on public display.

Twenty-three art pieces were entered this year from eight schools throughout my district.

The first- place winner's award includes having their artwork displayed for a year in Congress. This year's awardee was:

1st place May Shiraishi
9th grader Hawaii Baptist Academy
"Beauty Amidst the Debris"
Medium: soft pastel, plastic debris, acrylic paint

To see the rest of the winners and their entries, go to my web site at <https://case.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=3558>. As always, I deeply appreciate your consideration and assistance as we all work to find the best way forward for our country and Hawai'i.

For more information on my efforts, and how we can help you, please visit my website at case.house.gov. If I can help you and yours with your own questions and needs, email us at ed.case@mail.house.gov, or call us at (808) 650-6688.

*Mahalo nui loa,
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