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March 27, 2026

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  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Safer Hawai'i Schools Pilot project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Education located at 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to equip the Ruth Ke'elikōlani Middle School with an enhanced security camera system to improve school safety, in line with a risk assessment conducted by the Hawai'i Department of Education and Honolulu Police Department. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in school safety measures fosters a safer and more supportive learning environment, contributing to broader economic development in the community—helping attract and retain families, supporting a stable local workforce and reinforcing the neighborhood as a desirable place to live and invest.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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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