



# Aloha!

When I campaigned last year for my return to Congress, I vowed that, if elected, I would hit the ground running. I wanted to extend my most heartfelt mahalo to the communities of

House District 1 for giving me the opportunity to fulfill this promise. As always, I welcome your views on any issues of concern to you. **To receive my newsletter, please visit case.house.gov/contact.** 

## Congressman Case Appointed to Appropriations

Only one week after being sworn in, I have been appointed to the powerful House Appropriations Committee. This committee is one of the House's oldest committees and has one of the broadest jurisdictions of any Committee in Congress. It is responsible for funding most of the functions of the federal government. This appointment puts us in an incredibly important position to help Hawai'i with activities, programs, personnel and equipment that

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### Services

My office will be happy to help you with the following and more:

- Help with a federal agency
- Washington DC tours
- Commendations
- Grant applications
- Internships
- Military academy
  nominations

rely heavily on federal assistance. My specific assignments within this Committee will enable me to focus on critical programs for Hawaii's key industries including tourism promotion, military construction projects, and veterans issues. I will also be able to focus on environmental sustainability projects, science programs such as those funded by the National Science Foundation, and assist the work of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### **Government Shutdown**

The ongoing shutdown of large parts of our federal government continues to seriously impact hundreds of thousands of federal workers and their families as well as millions more who depend essential government services. Since taking office on January 3rd, I have voted repeatedly to fully fund our government while committing to a much-needed debate and decision on specifically how best to secure our borders.

### H.R. 1: For The People Act

I have proudly co-introduced House Resolution 1, a sweeping proposal that aims to fix our broken political system so that our democracy truly works for all citizens and not the monied few. This bill was driven by my Reformers Caucus – a national organization dedicated to political reform ideas and legislation. This bill will go a long way to returning government to the people where it belongs.

Some highlights of the bill include:

- Pushes for public financing of campaigns to be powered by small donations.
- Seeks to end Citizens United, a Supreme Court decision that effectively deregulated limits on campaign contributions.
- Requires future candidates for President and the Vice President to disclose 10 years of his or her tax returns.
- Prevents members of Congress from using taxpayer money to settle sexual harassment or discrimination cases.
- Promotes early voting, same-day voter registration, and online voter registration.

