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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Waikīkī Marine Life Conservation District Snorkeling Site Restoration in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

The funding would be used by the Hawai'i Coral Restoration Nursery, located at the State of Hawaii's Ānuenue Fisheries Research Center, to produce large living coral modules for outplanting in a concentrated area within the Waikīkī Marine Life Conservation District. It will enhance coastal resiliency and shallow-water marine tourism use close to the tourism center of Waikīkī. It will provide a free, maintained, reef snorkeling experience to help relieve intense visitor pressure on the island's natural reef habitats and re-start the Hawaiian tourism industry after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With aloha,

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Member of Congress Hawai'i-First District

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