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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
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Hawai'i State Emergency Operations Center** in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)**, located at **3949 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816**.

The funding would be used for design and planning for construction of a hardened and modernized State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for HI-EMA that will replace the existing Battery Birkhimer SEOC located in the Diamond Head Crater. The Birkhimer facility is a leaking and crumbling 105-year-old armament facility. A new hardened SEOC is desperately needed to support HI-EMA's operational needs. The SEOC will be part of the First Responder Tech Campus (FRTC) in Mililani, Hawai'i. This 244-acre campus is currently programmed to house seventeen Federal, State and County first responder agencies and departments. Building a sustainable, secure, strategically located and centralized SEOC in the FRTC will significantly improve HI-EMA's emergency management and preparedness capabilities.

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,



Ed Case
Member of Congress
Hawai'i-First District