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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 **Moku o Lo'e Marine Laboratory Refuge Eco-Friendly Sea Wall Research** project in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology** located at **46-007 Lilipuna Road, Kāne'ohe, HI 96744**.

Moku o Lo'e Marine Laboratory Refuge, home of the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology, is suffering from major seawall failure throughout Moku o Lo'e (Coconut Island). The sea wall is over 80 years old and protects millions of dollars in infrastructure supporting cutting edge research focused on marine conservation. The funding would be used for the design of a pilot investigation that examines the capacity of innovative blue-green design approaches to enhance native coral habitat and provide protection to critical coastal infrastructure in Hawai'i.

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