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The Honorable Ed Case
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, INPEACE

Dear Congressman Ed Case,

On behalf of the Hiapo Program at Purple Mai'a Foundation, we are very pleased to submit this letter of strong support for the Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE) in their application for funding to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government.

INPEACE is well known for well-managed and innovative programs. Their services are offered in our most distressed communities where poverty, unemployment and underemployment have a significant impact on the educational outcomes for our families in the community.

The proposed Community Outreach Lab project is critical for entrepreneurs and beginning small businesses in our rural communities. We understand the funding for this project will support and assist small business entrepreneurs to thrive during Post COVID-19 by providing training for billing software, payroll, inventory and any other technical training they may need.

Access to technology is more important today than it has ever been, especially for rural communities. Our hope, with this space, is that we can continue growing our offerings and increase available opportunities with additional technology education and training. We are excited for the future and look forward to our continued partnership with INPEACE to ensure our community is economically developed, supported, and strengthened.

We attest that INPEACE puts children, families and community at the very heart of what they do. We believe they are capable of implementing this proposed project and therefore give our full support to their application.

Sincerely,

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