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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 U.S. Small Business Administration Hawaii Pacific-Islands District Office, 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 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.

For the past several years, our District team has actively partnered with INPEACE in the offering of educational resources to the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island communities. With the participation of the Hawaii Agriculture Foundation, the expanded outreach will use innovations provided by both Non-Profit entities that will uniquely serve and exceed the needs of our underserved Island communities. There will be a strong emphasis on assisting agriculture businesses and others that have been challenged with limited technological skills.

Through this joint partner project, that will be well served by the Hawaii Pacific-Island District Office Outreach team, the outcomes will ensure these community families will be enabled to achieve economic security and sustainability.

We attest that INPEACE puts children, families, and community at the very heart of what they do. We believe they can implement this proposed project and therefore give our full support to their application. We look forward to our continued partnership with INPEACE to ensure our community is economically developed and strengthened.

Sincerely,

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T. Mark Spain
District Director
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