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April 23, 2021

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 Case,

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 has a reputation 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 and 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.

We have worked with INPEACE to provide at their location business training classes and individual business advisory services on business planning, access to capital and management improvement. This funding would enhance our partnership.

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. We look forward to our continued partnership with INPEACE to ensure our community is economically developed and strengthened.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph D Burns".

Joseph Burns
Associate State Director