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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Delauro:

I am requesting funding for the Reforestation and Carbon Forestry Assessment in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife located at 1151 Punchbowl Street #325, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to assess the scale and scope of resources needed to undertake large-scale reforestation work. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is the first fiscally responsible step towards a larger reforestation effort that yields significant environmental advantages for Hawai'i. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 16 U.S. Code Sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

With aloha,



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