

April 23, 2021

The Honorable Ed Case
United States House of Representatives
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Case:

As President and CEO of Hawai'i Pacific Health, I am pleased to be able to share this letter of support of Blood Bank of Hawaii's Community Funding Project request. Anchored by our four medical centers — Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox — as well as more than 70 locations statewide, we believe health starts where we live, learn, work and play. We also recognize that improving factors outside of the medical care system that impact how healthy—or unhealthy—we are requires engagement beyond our traditional hospital boundaries.

For this reason and many others, I am honored to serve with Tyler Tokioka, Chairman of the Board, Island Insurance Companies, and Bob Harrison, Chairman, President and CEO of First Hawaiian Bank, as a co-chair of Blood Bank of Hawaii's capital campaign to build a new facility in Kapolei that will help to create a healthier Hawaii.

Our network of physicians and specialists at our three medical centers on O'ahu and one on Kaua'i depend on Blood Bank of Hawaii to save the lives of patients from the youngest newborns in our Neonatal Intensive Care Units to our Comprehensive Cancer Center and Emergency Rooms.

Many of our clinical awards and achievements would not be possible without our partnership with Blood Bank of Hawaii.

As we begin to expand our services to West O'ahu, we look forward to the Blood Bank joining us to ensure that patients from all across our islands get the blood and blood products that they need.

Thank you for your consideration of support.

Sincerely,



Raymond P. Vara, Jr.
President & CEO