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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Living Indigenous Macroalgae Unit (LIMU) project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division on Aquatic Resources located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

This funding will allow the Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources to establish a LIMU to maintain a variety of stocks of native seaweed (limu) in a secure laboratory setting and maintain these stocks for distribution to qualified limu growers. This project will maintain a repository of culturally and ecologically important limu for seed stock. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support native limu restoration for cultural and ecosystem benefits, support community-based restoration efforts, support commercial and noncommercial aquaculture ventures to produce limu and add to the food production of Hawai'i.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

With aloha,



Ed Case
Member of Congress