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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Waikīkī Beach Ecosystem Restoration and Coastal Storm Risk Management in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This funding will commence a USACE new start investigation to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate alternatives to reduce erosion and coastal storm risk that are threatening vital infrastructure, the ecosystem and the economy in Hawaii. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because without beach improvements and maintenance, sea level rise is likely to result in significant, if not total, beach loss in Waikiki with an estimated economic loss of \$50 million to \$150 million per hectare. Preserving, restoring and maintaining these resources are of critical importance to O‘ahu’s economic, social, cultural and environmental sectors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8201(a)(26) of Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-347). 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