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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Pearl Harbor Invasive Coral – Surveying Spread at Sites of Concern project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The funding would be used to survey the spread of non-native octocoral at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam watershed on O'ahu. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because identification of the geographical scope of the spread of invasive octocorals will play a crucial role in stopping its dispersion, protecting the balance of Hawaii's marine ecosystem. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



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