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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 Oceanic Institute Equipment Initiative in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i Pacific University located at 41-202 Kalaniana'ole Hwy #9, Waimanalo, HI 96795.

The funding would be used to replace aging equipment used to support live algae culture and to de-gas incoming seawater. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the research conducted with this equipment has contributed heavily to local food production and marine conservation efforts on O'ahu. 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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