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Aloha, Friend.

Our nation's 117th two-year Congress is concluding and on January 3rd I will join 440 colleagues from across our great country in taking the oath as Members of our U.S. House of Representatives in the 118th Congress (2023-2025). I am deeply humbled to serve our Hawai'i on Capitol Hill for a fifth full Congress.

2022 was another difficult year, with the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, worsening inequality, climate change, an unstable world and more, all compounded by inflation and the cost of living, crime, immigration and other issues, all worsened by deepening political division. We had some successes, including historic infrastructure and other legislation that are bringing billions in federal reinvestments to Hawai'i, but so much more remains undone.

As always, the role of our government is to overcome challenges and forge the best path forward for us all. My mission as your U.S. Congressman remains to: (1) contribute to national leadership for our country and world; (2) assure that Hawaii's needs are addressed by our federal government; and (3) assist you with your individual concerns. That will be more complicated in a divided government, but the basics of achieving real results remain the same.

In all of this I must remain fully connected with you. Here I summarize just some of my activities through 2022, invite you to my website at [case.house.gov](http://case.house.gov) for more information, offer my assistance with your questions and needs and ask for your continued input. I will also continue to seek out every opportunity to discuss our issues and opportunities with you, including my talk story community meetings.

As we look for the opportunities and confront the challenges of 2023 together, my staff and I are here for all of our Hawai'i and for you and yours.

Warmest aloha and Happy New Year!

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# U.S. Congressman Ed Case Reports



Reporting back to you on my 2022 efforts, looking forward to 2023 and again asking for your guidance.



<b>16</b> TALK STORIES	<b>2022 for Hawai'i</b>	<b>4</b> BILLS INTRODUCED
<b>773</b> MEETINGS	<b>266,833</b> MILES FLOWN	<b>46,075</b> LETTERS WRITTEN
<b>141</b> BILLS COSPONSORED	<b>22</b> MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS	<b>1,217</b> COMPLETED CASES
<b>24</b> AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	<b>108</b> JOINT LETTERS SIGNED	<b>36</b> NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS
	<b>551</b> MEDIA MENTIONS	
	<b>469</b> VOTES	
	<b>1,244</b> SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS	

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## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Here are just a few representative highlights of my activities in 2022:

**JANUARY:** Joined Hawai'i delegation in supporting order to defuel Red Hill; announced first Hawai'i funding (\$339 million) from historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; commenced 2022 outreach with the Hawai'i Credit Union League, Hawai'i Nurses Association, UH professors and Healthcare Association of Hawai'i; coordinated public COVID-19 vaccination event.



Honoring our lost at the USS Arizona Memorial

**FEBRUARY:** Secured initial funding of \$403 million to address Red Hill; highlighted preparation and vigilance against cyberattacks; hosted a Kūpuna Roundtable.

**MARCH:** Hosted districtwide open Tele-Talk Story; worked in Appropriations toward passage of \$1.5 trillion FY'22 budget with billions for Hawai'i including \$700 million more for Red Hill and \$2 million for new Blood Bank of Hawai'i HQ in Kapolei; secured House passage of Ka'ena Point National Heritage Area Act.



Discussing effective advocacy with the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i Young Professionals



Reviewing federal Department of Defense funding supporting restoration of the ancient Hawaiian fishpond of Loko Pa'aiau at Pū'uloa (Pearl Harbor)



Joining my Hawai'i Congressional colleagues and Gwendolyn Mink at the unveiling in the US Capitol of the official portrait of US Congresswoman Patsy Mink

**APRIL:** Co-led bipartisan House delegation to the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Palau to strengthen critical Indo-Pacific relationships; resumed constituent tours of re-opened U.S. Capitol; testified for upgrading Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii's largest industrial employer.

**MAY:** Pursued full recovery of international tourism with U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo; discussed my push to shorten wait times for family members of Filipino World War II veterans as I attend the 30th Filipino Fiesta at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu; voted to reauthorize federal workforce development programs.

**JUNE:** Supported House passage of Water Resources Development Act including my Hawai'i-specific water and wastewater infrastructure projects; supported House passage of Recovering America's Wildlife Act with \$60 million annually for Hawai'i; hosted another Tele-Talk Story; honored the 80th anniversary of the fabled 100th Battalion in the full House.



With my great staff at our annual retreat on Capitol Hill

**JULY:** Through Appropriations, advanced FY'23 federal funding measures including many Hawai'i/Indo-Pacific provisions; joined delegation to South Korea; voted for final passage of the Honor Our Pact Act to help millions of veterans affected by toxic exposure; hosted roundtable with local labor leaders; voted for passage of the most significant gun violence prevention legislation in nearly 30 years; assisted individual constituent in accessing 2021 tax refund (\$1,200) and COVID rebate (\$1,400).



Speaking at our State Capitol for the defueling and closure of Red Hill

**AUGUST:** Voted for the Inflation Reduction Act, with historic climate change and prescription drug cost control measures; joined Small Business Administration Administrator Isabel Guzman in a Hawai'i roundtable; helped individual constituent receive delayed 2020 tax refund totaling over \$38,000.

**SEPTEMBER:** Hosted third Tele-Talk Story; secured House approval of my amendment to ensure better Census local-level data collection; participated in the first-ever summit of Pacific Island nations in Washington; co-introduced the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act to honor and assist our Filipino WWII veterans and 'ohana.



Discussing the naming of a future U.S. Navy ship after a Filipino sailor and my Filipino American History Month resolution at the O'ahu Filipino Community Council's 2022 President's Ball.

**OCTOBER:** Co-founded the first-ever Congressional Aquaculture Caucus; toured the Hawaiian Humane Society and other valued community organizations; met with HPD Chief Logan on federal support for combatting crime; secured Air Force Reserve Retirement backpay for individual constituent.

**NOVEMBER:** Nominated twenty-two young adults from Hawai'i to our nation's military academies; marked one year since passage of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law with \$994 million of federal funding for 35 different projects in Hawai'i; conducted open Talk Stories on Illicit Drugs in Hawai'i and Veterans Issues; assisted service member to secure over \$5,000 of housing allowance.

**DECEMBER:** Continued assisting my new partner, Congresswoman-elect Jill Tokuda, prepare for the 118th Congress; secured passage of most consequential oceans legislation in decades; joined 'Aiea Christmas Parade and Kapolei City Lights; sent final e-newsletters of year including another constituent survey.

### SERVING YOU

My staff in D.C. and Honolulu and I are here to serve you. These are just some of our services:

- Welcoming your Input and Questions. We want to know what you think about the issues we're all facing and to answer your questions.
- Casework. We want to help you and yours with your own concerns, especially in federal government areas like Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, immigration and many others.
- Joining Your Events and Recognizing Achievements. We want to join your community events as COVID-19 allows.

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