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Aloha, Friend.

We are in a difficult, unsettling time. After two pandemic years, we had all hoped for a better normal. But new COVID variants, inflation, crime, Ukraine, inequality, division, and more are complicating that.

On the plus side, we are coming through COVID, with our Hawai'i doing well both healthwise and with over \$20 billion of federal aid, and with our economy and employment almost all the way back. We are on track toward closure of Red Hill. We had an excellent result in the Fiscal Year 2022 federal appropriations process.

These persistent and new challenges are disappointing, but we can't afford to get stuck in disappointment. We've worked through COVID and many other challenges, and we can and must do so again.

We all have a role, but our federal government is our central effort together. As your U.S. Representative, my own role remains to work in Congress to (1) contribute to national leadership for our country and world, (2) assure that our Hawaii's own needs are met, and (3) assist you with your individual concerns.

On Capitol Hill, I use every tool at my disposal, from my seniority, experience and relationships to my membership on committees like Appropriations, responsible for all federal discretionary funding, and more, to fulfill my mission. But my efforts are always grounded in staying connected with you and our communities back home, keeping you informed of what I'm doing and why, listening to your concerns, answering your questions, and helping you however we can.

Here I again summarize just some of my efforts, invite you to **another of my live, open Tele-Talk Stories on June 13th**, and ask for your continued guidance.

Working together, we can and will forge a better path forward. Mahalo!

*With my colleagues on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in solidarity with the people of Ukraine*

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U.S. Congressman Ed Case Reports

Again reporting back to you from Capitol Hill and asking for your guidance.

For information on my actions as your U.S. Representative and for assistance, please go to my website at [case.house.gov](http://case.house.gov)







# LEADING OUR COUNTRY, REPRESENTING OUR HAWAI'I, HELPING YOU AND YOURS

## APPROPRIATIONS

I'm serving my fourth year on our U.S. House Committee on Appropriations, responsible for all federal discretionary spending and for overseeing all federally-funded programs. I focus much of my office's efforts each year on our annual funding cycle, beginning for Hawai'i on my out-reach back home to identify needs, then on our requests, then on assuring approved federal funding is received.

For Fiscal Year 2022, we secured billions in funding across a host of programs of direct benefit to Hawai'i, from defense, tourism, construction and small business to agriculture, education, health, social services, transportation, housing, agriculture, natural resources, climate change, Native Hawaiians, the University of Hawai'i, veterans, energy, foreign operations, homeland security and more. I'm especially proud that all ten of my Community Project Funding requests were approved. We are now hard at work on our Fiscal Year 2023 measures. For details on my Appropriations work and other federal funding efforts, please go to [case.house.gov/news](https://case.house.gov/news).



At our Hawai'i State Capitol on introduction in Congress of our bill to close Red Hill

## RED HILL

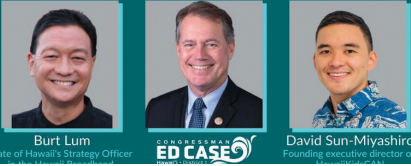
Our thousands of injured and displaced families are back in their homes and our safe drinking water systems are restored, but the Red Hill crisis is far from over. In February, I joined my Hawai'i delegation colleagues in introducing

legislation to close Red Hill, and in March the Secretary of Defense announced that the facility will close. We are working through remediation, defueling, closure and

### Focus: Broadband

How do we best boost/use Hawai'i's share of \$65 billion federal reinvestment

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 12 p.m. HST  
With special guests:



Hosting live talk stories on issues of special concern; here on developing broadband using our \$1.2 trillion infrastructure investment funds



Checking in with our small businesses, here Marisco Shipyards at Barbers Point replacement fuel storage capacity as quickly and safely as possible. My focus has remained on assuring the billions of funding required. We secured \$1.14 billion in our FY22 appropriations measure. The President has requested a further \$1 billion for FY23, also one of my top requests in Appropriations. Completing all aspects of Red Hill will remain one of my top priorities.

## UKRAINE

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, an unjustified and unprovoked attack not only on a sovereign, independent country but on democracy and an international rules-based order that has largely kept the peace and lifted up billions over the last three generations, cannot stand. Whether or not Russia succeeds will largely determine whether we face other Ukraines by Russia or its fellow authoritarian countries throughout our world. I have joined most of my colleagues in Congress in supporting tens of billions in emergency funding to Ukraine, sanctions and other efforts. Back home, I have sought to waive the Jones Act to allow international shipping to transport domestic oil to Hawai'i to make up for suspended Russian oil imports because U.S. tankers are few and not available to us.

## INFLATION

We are all feeling the pain of the highest inflation in decades, especially our food, housing, energy and gas prices. Unfortunately there's no silver bullet to end inflation now, as it is resulting from a number of related factors including increased demand, continuing shortages in



As member of House Natural Resources Committee, overseeing federal natural resource protection programs; here at Pearl Harbor

housing and goods and supply chain disruptions, Ukraine, low interest rates and federal COVID-19 emergency assistance still in our economy. In Congress, besides Hawai'i's own specific energy and other challenges, I'm focused on opening up supply chains, curbing unjustifiable price increases like prescription drugs, and restricting further federal spending to only what's necessary so as not to worsen inflation.

## CRIME

We are also seeing a disturbing increase in crime. Our federal government has a major role in preventing and prosecuting crime, and I have focused in Appropriations on assuring funding for these critical programs. These include, in FY22, \$3.9 billion in grants to state and local law enforcement, including \$675 million for Byrne-JAG, \$512 million for Community Oriented Policing (COPS), and \$297 million for High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA), which are major sources of funding for our Honolulu Police Department and their partners statewide.



Reviewing Medicare and other issues with our kūpuna; here at Lunalilo Home in Hawai'i Kai



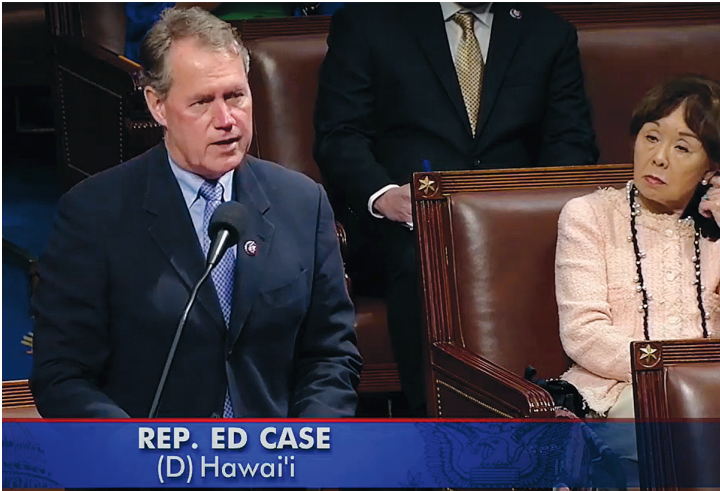
Briefing and training flight with our U.S. Coast Guard out of Kalaeloa



Discussing federal legislation affecting credit unions with representatives of hundreds of thousands of fellow members throughout Hawai'i

## TALK STORY JUNE 13TH

I am continuing my **Talk Story with Congressman Ed Case** live community meetings with another open tele-talk story on Monday, June 13th, 6:30PM Hawai'i time. As always, I will report further to you, listen to your concerns and answer your questions. Please check [case.house.gov/live](https://case.house.gov/live) in early June for details on how to join.



Speaking on the House Floor with Congresswoman Doris Matsui in support of our Japanese American Confinement Education Act

## SERVING YOU

My staff in D.C. and Honolulu and I are here to serve you. We want to know what you think about the issues I'm addressing in Congress and to answer your questions. We can help you with your own needs, especially in federal areas like Social Security, veterans and immigration. As our U.S. Capitol and Washington, D.C. open again, we welcome you to visit my office and can help you with tours of the Capitol and other information. For these and other services, please contact us at the information in the blue box on the other side.