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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Construction of a Single-Span Bridge for Kalihi Waena Elementary School in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kalihi Waena Elementary School, located at 1240 Gulick Ave, Honolulu, HI 96819.

The funding would be used for the replacement of deteriorating bridges connecting the state's largest public housing complex, The Towers of Kuhio Park (KPT), Richard Lane and surrounding areas to the school. The current bridges pose significant safety risks, with structural damage and lack of ADA compliance hindering accessibility for students and community members, especially the elderly and physically challenged. Funding is needed for a single-span bridge from KPT to Kalihi Waena Elementary, including an ADA-compliant ramp to Richard Lane, to ensure safe and accessible passage for all. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aligns with the Fiscal Year 2025 Economic Development Initiative program's goals of promoting community development, enhancing safety and addressing a compelling local need for improved infrastructure and accessibility. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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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