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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Tropical AgTech Center Construction** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism** located at **250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**.

This project would develop a facility to develop tailor solutions for agricultural producers in Hawai'i to scale their production and increase their profitability. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because this facility is aligned with the State of Hawai'i's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and would enable the state to invest in Hawai'i's agricultural producers, diversify its economy, and increase job opportunities for future generations.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is consistent with the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jill Tokuda
Member of Congress