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House of Representatives

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The Honorable
Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the County of Maui Bus Transportation Base Yard in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, located at 110 Ala'ihi Street, Suite #210, Kahului, Hawai'i 96732

The funding would provide the space for the construction a transportation base yard for the County of Maui. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate the transition of Maui's transportation fleet to all-electric vehicles in a County-owned facility. The base yard project is needed for the electrification of Maui's transportation fleet, which is essential to meeting the Hawai'i Carbon Neutral Goal 2045. Elimination of carbon exhaust from buses throughout the island will have a demonstrable improvement in air quality, especially when one is close to an accelerating bus. In addition to the practical climate and health improvements, the project would increase the resiliency of Maui's transportation fleet by allowing for additional vehicles and reducing and potentially eliminating the County's reliance on private service contractors, which could result in long-term taxpayer savings.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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