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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 **Haiku Fire Station Construction** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **County of Maui, Department of Fire and Public Safety**, located at **200 Dairy Road, Kahului, Hawai'i** 96732.

Requested funds would be used to support construction of a new fire station on land owned by the County of Maui to ensure fire prevention, suppression, and protection services for a growing population in the Paia-Haiku communities. This new fire station would improve the effectiveness of deployed emergency vehicles and reduce response times to support communities that have long experienced access constraints and have predominantly wooden structures.

The current closest fire stations are about six and eight miles away from the project site, and both are undersized to meet the increasing fire protection needs of rural communities that continue to grow in population. This project will also alleviate response demands on nearby fire stations, allowing them to stay focused on their primary coverage areas.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. §1926(a)).

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