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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 **Kilohana Community Center Energy Efficiency and Resiliency Upgrade** in Fiscal Year 2025. The intended recipient is the **County of Maui** located at **200 South High Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793**.

Requested funds would be used to build resiliency in Kilohana Recreation Center. Kamehameha V Highway runs along the southern coast of Moloka'i and is prone to flooding during rainstorms, king tides, and other extreme weather events. For the community of Ualapu'e and those living along the highway to the East, the Kilohana Community Center is one of the few public gathering areas on the east side of Moloka'i.

The funding would be used to enhance energy efficiency and resiliency for the Kilohana Recreation Center in East Moloka'i through the placement of photovoltaic cells and water catchments. Investing in the hardening and energy efficiency of this center will both lower the operating costs for the county and taxpayers and provide a more resilient facility that can function as a shelter in times of disaster.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2) and §5305(a)(4).

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