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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 **Lahaina Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Hardening Project** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **County of Maui, Department of Water Supply**, located at **200 South High Street, Kalana O Maui Building 5th Floor, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793**.

The funding would be used to build resiliency and redundancy into Lahaina's water infrastructure following last August's devastating wildfires. The project would rehabilitate the raw and finished waterlines at the Lahaina Water Treatment Plant, modernize its source wells, and create a water storage backup for Lahaina's water supply.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will address severe vulnerabilities within the water system to prevent failures that could hamper recovery efforts and the long-term public health of the community. With the County's resources strained because of the fires' secondary impacts on its economy, decisive federal investment in this project is critical to its timely implementation.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300j-12).

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