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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 **Deep Monitor Well in Launiupoko, Maui** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management** located at **1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 227, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will support the construction of a new deep monitor well in Launiupoko, Maui, to help monitor the health of the drinking water aquifer and assess the amount of drinking water available. This well would allow the State of Hawai'i and communities to better plan for water shortages and drought, which continues to be a challenge faced by West Maui communities.

The Launiupoko aquifer system is listed as a high monitoring priority in the U.S. Geological Survey's 2020 report on Hawai'i water resource management monitoring needs. The Commission on Water Resources Management has also designated the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as a Surface and Ground Water Management Area due to noticeable declines in water resources. The August 2023 Maui fires have also raised additional concerns over water use in West Maui, which has been plagued by persistent severe drought and water scarcity.

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