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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 Wai'anae Community Food Distribution Center project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, located at 82-260 Farrington Highway, Wai'anae, Hawai'i 96892.

The funding would be used to construct a food distribution warehouse as part of Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's (WCCHC) community resilience campus. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would create a regional food warehouse that will enable WCCHC to continue addressing food insecurity on the Wai'anae Coast and promote partnerships with local organizations like the Hawai'i Food Bank to sustain and build upon these efforts for the future.

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,

Member of Congress