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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 **Construction of the Hāna Community Kitchen and Food Hub** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hāna Business Council** located at **4232 Hāna Highway, Hāna, Hawai'i 96713**.

Requested funds will be used to expand local food access by helping local farmers bring their crops to market through increased food processing capabilities. This project funding would be used to develop, construct, and equip a shared-use certified commercial kitchen with chill storage and value-added processing capabilities that producers can use to extend the shelf-life and improve the marketability of their produce. This food hub would also coordinate the aggregation, washing, packaging, and transportation of goods to additional markets across the island and the state, as well as provide educational programming and support services for local farmers.

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).

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has a financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Jill Tokuda
Member of Congress