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May 2, 2025

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 **Kona Community Hospital Bed Modernization** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **West Hawai'i Region of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation** located at **79-1019 Haukapila Street, Kealahou, Hawai'i 96750**.

Requested funds will be used to replace the aging bed fleet at Kona Community Hospital (KCH). With high occupancy rates at both KCH and the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, this upgrade will enhance patient comfort and recovery. The current beds and gurneys, which typically have an eight-year useful life, were acquired over ten years ago. As healthcare needs grow across rural communities on Hawai'i Island, this funding will ensure providers can deliver more effective care. Upgraded beds will allow healthcare professionals to provide better treatment, enhance patient comfort, and improve recovery times, making it easier for providers to focus on delivering quality care. This, in turn, will lead to better patient experiences and more efficient care delivery across the facility.

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