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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 **Ko'olauloa Health Center Facilities Expansion** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Ko'olauloa Health Center** located at **56-119 Pualalea Street**, **Kahuku**, **Hawai'i 96731**.

Requested funds will be used to support needed capital improvements to Koʻolauloa Health Center's (KHC) Punaluʻu property, helping meet the growing healthcare needs of patients in the rural Koʻolauloa region. As a federally qualified health center, KHC serves a population spanning roughly 30-mile coastline from Kualoa to Haleʻiwa on Oʻahu's North Shore. According to a 2022 report, 48 percent of the population is on Medicaid and 26 percent live at or below the Federal Poverty Level. The funding would enable KHC to renovate a recently acquired facility, converting office spaces into clinical exam rooms and updating other areas, expanding its capacity to provide primary medical, dental, behavioral, and pharmacy services to the region.

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,

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Member of Congress