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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 the **University of Hawai'i at Hilo Volcano Monitoring and Geoarcheology Laboratory** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **University of Hawai'i at Hilo** located at **200 West Kāwili Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720**.

Requested funds will be used to purchase new spectrometry equipment to replace the laboratory's aging platforms that have reached the end of their service lives. The purchases would include spectrometers, an electron microscope, energy-dispersive X-ray detectors, and a cathodoluminescence detector. With these new resources, the laboratory would be able to continue and revitalize its critical work providing near-real-time monitoring of volcanoes on Hawai'i Island, including Kīlauea, the most active volcano in the world, helping support local disaster response and emergency management efforts. Furthermore, the laboratory's work provides a steady stream of data that supports groundbreaking research to improve our understanding of volcanoes not just in Hawai'i but also in the continental United States and around the world.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes, functions, and activities authorized by section 272 of Title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

  
Jill Tokuda  
Member of Congress