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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** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Wai‘anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center** located at **86-260 Farrington Highway, Wai‘anae, Hawai‘i 96792**.

Requested funds will be used to support the establishment of a regional food warehouse, enabling Wai‘anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) to continue its critical work addressing food insecurity across the Wai‘anae Coast of O‘ahu and strengthening partnerships with local feeding organizations like the Hawai‘i Food Bank. Over the past three years, WCCHC has delivered over nine million pounds of healthy meals to low-income, at-risk children, families, and seniors in Wai‘anae—a geographically isolated and predominantly rural region with limited access to essential services. While WCCHC has been operating from a temporary food storage site to serve more than 1,000 people each weekend through drive-through pickup and home deliveries, a permanent facility is essential for sustaining and expanding these efforts.

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