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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 **Tropical AgTech Center – Facilities and Equipment** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism** located at **250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**.

This project would develop a facility for tailored solutions for agricultural producers in Hawai'i to scale their production and increase their profitability. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because this facility is aligned with the State of Hawai'i's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and would enable the state to invest in Hawai'i's agricultural producers, diversify its economy, and increase job opportunities for future generations.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is consistent with the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

  
Jill Tokuda  
Member of Congress