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May 23, 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 **Wailoa Aquaculture Accelerator** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hawai'i Department of Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources** located at **1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**.

The requested project will develop the Wailoa Station into an aquaculture development accelerator that will amplify the State of Hawai'i's investment in aquaculture research and development. This project will help restock local near-shore fisheries for the economic benefit of residents, ease the strain on local fisheries, and provide a base to revitalize and expand Hawai'i's aquaculture industry. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help revitalize Hawai'i's near-shore and aquaculture industry, which would benefit the local economy.

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