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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 **Hawai'i Island Food Storage and Distribution Infrastructure** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Hawai'i Agribusiness Development Corporation** located at **16-127 Lapa'au Road, Kea'au, HI 96749**.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the installation of cold and dry food storage will improve food supply chain efficiency by reducing spoilage, lowering transportation costs, and expanding access to affordable, locally grown food. It will also support farmers, distributors, and small businesses by increasing storage capacity near key transportation hubs, including Hilo Airport and the Port of Hilo. Currently, limited cold storage infrastructure constrains the ability of producers to store and distribute perishable goods. This project will address these gaps and strengthen Hawai'i's local food system.

This 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. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jill Tokuda
Member of Congress