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March 19, 2026

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 **Wailua Paddy Crop Research and Extension Station** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **University of Hawai'i, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience** located at **3050 Maile Way, Gilmore Hall 202, Honolulu, HI 96822**.

The funding would be used to restore agricultural research capacity at the Wailua Center for Applied Research and Extension Services (CARES) Station, including site assessments, planning, hydrological design, and reconstruction of berms and irrigation infrastructure to support flooded crop systems. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would enable research on flood control, soil health, and pest and disease management while serving as a hub for collaboration, strengthening local food security, supporting traditional agriculture, and building long-term resilience for Hawai'i's agricultural sector.

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,

  
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Jill Tokuda  
Member of Congress