April 26, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H 307, The Capitol  
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Hamakua-Kohala Health Center Expansion. The entity to receive this project is Hamakua-Kohala Health Center located at 45-549 Plumeria St, Honokaa, HI 96727. The new clinic will enable Hamakua-Kohala Health to expand access to quality healthcare for low to moderate-income individuals that are not insured, or insured by Medicare, Medicaid or MedQuest. This new clinic will provide services regardless of patients’ ability to pay. None of the private practice physicians in this rural area accept Medicare, Medicaid or MedQuest patients. As a federally qualified health center, Hamakua-Kohala Health delivers high quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary care, as well as supportive services such as health education, translation, and transportation that promote access to health care.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kaiali'i Kahele  
Member of Congress