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## United States Senate

May 8, 2024

The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
Administration and Related Agencies  
129 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
Administration, and Related Agencies  
125 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Hoeven:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz  
U.S. SENATOR

**Schatz, Brian(D-HI) Agriculture  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

| <b>Recipient Name</b>   | <b>Project Purpose</b>   | <b>Project Location</b>  | <b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife | This funding will pilot a timber "concentration yard" to more efficiently aggregate, market, track and sell timber in Hawaii.  | Hawai'i County HI  | \$600                           |
| Hawaii Department of Agriculture  | This project addresses the Hilo community's ongoing little fire ant (LFA) infestation.   | Hawai'i County HI  | \$1,418                         |
| Hawaii Department of Agriculture  | This project will establish repositories of disease-free plants and seeds across the state for distribution to farmers, ranchers and other growers.  | Hawai'i County, Kaua'i County, Maui County, and the City and County of Honolulu HI | \$1,750                         |
| Hawaii Community Foundation   | This project would remediate existing structures to serve as a community resilience center.  | Hawaii County HI   | \$3,025                         |
| National Tropical Botanical Garden  | This project will update facilities at the National Tropical Botanical Garden's Botanical Research Center to ensure the preservation of its collection of research materials and rare plant specimens. | Kaua'i County HI   | \$1,425                         |
| Kauai Humane Society  | This project would support improvements to the Kauai Humane Society's surgical suite, create a second exam room, and expand surgical recovery spaces.  | Kauai County HI  | \$2,000                         |
| County of Maui  | This project funds the construction of a new fire station to reduce response times and improves emergency deployment for the rural community of Haiku.   | Maui County HI   | \$15,180                        |
| Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.                            | This project supports the development of needed water infrastructure at the Waiohuli Homestead.  | Maui County HI   | \$1,700                         |
| Maui United Way   | This project would support a centralized hub for Maui nonprofits, including workspace, training programs, conference space, and community assistance programs.   | Maui County HI   | \$3,500                         |
| Hawaii Pet Network, Inc. dba Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (HARF)         | This project funds the second phase of developing a clinic to serve distressed animals.  | Maui County HI   | \$1,500                         |