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**The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending items, which I requested on May 16, 2007, and are listed below, and that may be included in the 2007 Farm Bill or reports to be reported by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

1. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions agricultural program

Name and location of recipient: Public Universities and Community Colleges in the State of Hawaii, located in all four counties of the State.

Purpose: Increase the capacity of Hawaii universities and community colleges to better serve the Native Hawaiian community.

2. Insular Pacific Sun Grant Center

Name and location of recipient: Universities and Community Colleges in the Insular Pacific, including those in Hawaii, Alaska, the Freely Associated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Purpose: Reduce the dependence of the region on fossil fuels and take advantage of the unique and full-range of renewable energy resources in the region.

3. Agricultural Development in the American Pacific

Name and location of recipient: Universities and Community Colleges in the American Pacific and Alaska, including those in Hawaii, Alaska, the Freely Associated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Purpose: Continue long-time cooperation among the institutions in the region to develop agriculture in region that is sustainable and environmentally conserving.

4. Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research

Name and location of recipient: American Universities and Community Colleges in the Pacific and Caribbean Basins including Hawaii, Guam, the Freely Associated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands, Florida, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Purpose: Continue collaborative research programs to enhance agriculture in the two Basins with special emphasis on the management of pests and control of invasive alien species.

5. Invasive Species Management in Hawaii

Name and location of recipient: Local (four county governments), State (Hawaii), and Federal regulators (Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Interior) responsible for management of invasive species in Hawaii.

Purpose: Protect the rich biodiversity unique to Hawaii by encouraging cooperation among Federal, State, and Local regulators responsible for managing invasive species and protecting Hawaii's natural environment.

6. Macadamia nuts addition to the Country of Origin list

Name and location of recipient: Macadamia nut producers in Hawaii.

Purpose: Macadamia nut sellers will no longer be able to designate lower quality nuts produced overseas as macadamia nuts produced in Hawaii.

7. Emergency Loan exemptions of family farm and farm management provisions for Hawaii farmers and ranchers

Name and location of recipient: Large diversified agricultural operations in Central Oahu who are currently not eligible to secure Emergency Loans to address the impacts of natural disasters.

Purpose: Improve the Emergency Loan eligibility of large-scale diversified agricultural operations in Central Oahu that are emerging in place of sugarcane and pineapple plantations.

8. Sugarcane to ethanol loan, loan guarantee, and grant program

Name and location of recipient: The two remaining sugarcane operations in Hawaii on the islands of Maui and Kauai.

Purpose: Enhance ethanol production to reduce the State dependence on fossil fuels and assist with a State of Hawaii mandate for 10 percent ethanol in gasoline fuel.

9. Adjusted Gross Income Conservation programs exemption for Hawaii

Name and location of recipient: Land owners in Hawaii wish to participate in USDA conservation programs but are precluded due to Hawaii's unique land tenure system. The ultimate recipients are the people of Hawaii and the United States since Hawaii's natural resources will be conserved for future generations.

Purpose: Increase participation in USDA conservation programs by landowners with large land resources.

10. Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

Name and location of recipient: Farmers and ranchers in Hawaii and Alaska who face adversities due only to geographic isolation. In Hawaii, the main recipients will be farmers and ranchers who face extremely high transportation costs for inputs and outputs.

Purpose: Make Hawaii and Alaska farmers and ranchers more capable of competing with those in the contiguous United States and those overseas.

11. Telecommunication loans and loan guarantees for indigenous people in the United States

Name and location of recipient: Indigenous people of the United States who lack the telecommunication services necessary for viability in today's global economy. In Hawaii, the recipients are Native Hawaiians on Hawaiian Homes Lands. The immediate recipient of increased attention to the telecommunication needs of Native Hawaiians is the service provider seeking loans or guarantees – Sandwich Isle Communications in Honolulu.

Purpose: Increase telecommunication capacity for beneficiaries of Hawaiian Home Lands to advance health and safety and economic development.

12. Women in Technology

Name and location of recipient: The recipient of the Hawaii portion of this initiative is the Maui Economic Development Board on the island of Maui. The ultimate beneficiaries of this program are women and other underrepresented minorities throughout the State of Hawaii who will have new career opportunities.

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to increase participation by women and minorities in Hawaii in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Such participation will assist girls and women overcome cultural and rural isolation barriers and access careers in STEM fields.

Aloha,



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