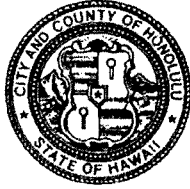


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MUFI HANNEMANN  
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June 16, 2008

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka  
United States Senate  
Prince Kuhio Federal Building, Room 3-106  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Dear Senator Akaka:

The Community Building Code Administration Grant (CBCAG) Act of 2007 provides a great opportunity for the City and County of Honolulu.

The City recently adopted a building code, based upon the 2003 International Building Code. It was a large undertaking involving many stakeholders and hundreds of volunteer hours. We are now updating to the more current building, plumbing, and electrical codes. As we continue our meetings, the need for additional resources becomes more evident. Insofar as effective building safety program requires training, certification, equipment, codes, references, and more.

The CBCAG, when enacted and funded, will provide competitive grant-matching funds to support the work of building code authorities. The supplemental funds will help our building code administration to function to its fullest potential. The effective administration of codes benefits building safety, property values, and energy efficiency, and mitigates the impact of natural hazards.

We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the people of Hawaii and hope you will continue your efforts to support federal funding to help underwrite our work.

If you would like additional information, please contact Henry Eng, FAICP, Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, at 768-8000.

With warm regards and aloha,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mufi Hannemann".

Mufi Hannemann  
Mayor