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June 19, 2025

The Honorable Brian Schatz
United States Senate
Prince Kūhiō Federal Building
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7-212
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850

Dear Senator Schatz:

On behalf of the Police Chiefs of Hawai'i Association (PCHA), we convey our full support of the Hawai'i High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program and ask for your help to keep HIDTA under the Office of the National Drug Control Policy and not fall under the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (as proposed by the President's Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Budget Proposal). We also ask for your support to sustain the funding initially proposed by Congress (at \$277 million) for the HIDTA Program, instead of being reduced to \$196 million as requested by the President's Appropriations Budget proposal.

Keeping HIDTA under the Office of National Drug Control Policy retains its ability to navigate its efforts to eliminate drug trafficking and drug abuse through the wisdom and direction of the Executive Board, which consists of Hawai'i's state, local, and federal law enforcement leaders (i.e., Hawai'i's four county police chiefs), the Hawai'i Attorney General, Hawai'i Department of Law Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, the U.S. Attorney, U.S. Marshal, etc. By controlling our own destiny through our knowledge and experience of the Hawaiian Islands, we can strategically form enforcement task forces necessary to counteract drug trafficking within our communities or specific drug trafficking and money laundering enterprises with transnational and international ties. HIDTA's assistance provides the funding, training, and resources necessary to maximize our collective efforts, which synergizes our drug enforcement capabilities through cohabitated HIDTA Task Forces (consisting of federal, state, and local narcotic officers; special agents; and intelligence analysts) located on Oahu, Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i (aka, the Big Island).

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We, the PCHA, thank you for your kokua to Hawai'i law enforcement and the Hawai'i HIDTA Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Logan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ARTHUR J. LOGAN
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