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‘Ōlelo Community Media
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Aloha!

I extend my warmest greetings to all participating with ‘Ōlelo Community Media in recognizing and recommitting to one of our country’s fundamental and most cherished rights: the freedom to express one’s thoughts and beliefs without fear of persecution or suppression.

Growing up as the son of a librarian, I understood and appreciated my mother’s role in protecting the right of expression through preserving intellectual freedom. That freedom includes the right of people to receive the thoughts of others on a wide range of topics and from a variety of viewpoints.

The goal of ‘Ōlelo Community Media is fundamentally the same: to protect, nurture and encourage people and communities to share their mana‘o – their thoughts – with its mission to “strengthen our island voices and advance community engagement through innovative media.” It is a mission of the most fundamental character.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said: “Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.” I join with all of you to ensure that our nation continues to strive to become “a more perfect union”, in large part by preserving and protecting our civil rights and liberties, to include the guarantee of free speech.

With much aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Case". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Congressman Ed Case
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