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Dear Jerris,

In my role as Chancellor for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I fully encourage the participation in developing collaborations and promoting progress of biomedical science research between UH and other states and institutions.

This letter is to express my enthusiastic support for the IDeA Program sponsorship of the Third Biennial Western Regional IDeA Scientific Conference that will be held on October 6 – 8, 2013 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. This meeting will bring together student and faculty researchers from the IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) programs and the Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) programs that are part of the seven Western Regional states (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico and Hawai'i).

The interest drawn for this conference has received significant recognition and attendance from other IDeA state universities. This conference will give our university and its many partnering institutions the opportunity to present their biomedical research, learn from other researchers, develop potential collaborative relationships, and most importantly, further the biomedical science research in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Apple'.

Tom Apple  
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