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Aloha:

On behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), I welcome you to our beautiful "Aloha State" of Hawaii. We are honored to have the opportunity to host the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and the participating universities attending the Biennial Western Regional IDeA Conference.

We are grateful for the support the University of Hawaii has received from the INBRE and COBRE programs. These resources are helping our researchers pioneer significant and thought-provoking areas of inquiry. Hawaii is home to many innovative companies involved in biomedical research and I hope you have an opportunity to meet with a few of our companies during your stay here. Through initiatives such as tax credits for R&D activities, matching SBIR/STTR grants, and mobilizing private capital for seed-stage investments in startup companies, DBEDT is actively supporting the commercialization of research. These activities ensure that promising technologies enter the commercial market place and provide innovative solutions to the healthcare industry.

Again, we wish to extend our sincerest mahalo for IDeA's continued support of world-class biomedical research, and for its members' many contributions to society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. C. Lim".

Richard C. Lim