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Chairman Inouye Announces Appropriations Committee Staff Changes

WASHINGTON, DC – Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) announces the following changes to his Committee staff:

Charles Houy has been named Staff Director. Mr. Houy was most recently Clerk for the Subcommittee on Defense. Mr. Houy has served on the Appropriations Committee as a Professional Staff Member since 1983.

Margaret Cummisky joins the Committee as Deputy Staff Director. Ms. Cummisky was previously the Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Prior to that, she served as the Legislative Director for Senator Inouye.

Lila Helms joins the Full Committee as a Professional Staff Member. Ms. Helms has previously served with the Appropriations Committee as the Clerk of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary. Ms. Helms is a 21 year veteran of the Senate.

Rob Blumenthal joins the staff as Communications Director. He was previously Communications Director for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

John Bray has been named Deputy Communications Director. Previously, Bray served as Press Secretary for the Senate Appropriations Committee and Sen. Robert C. Byrd, (D-West Virginia).

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