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Hon. Nick Joe Rahall II, Chairman
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Chairman Rahall & Ranking Member Hastings

As President and CEO of Haleck Enterprises Inc. in American Samoa, I wish to express my support for the American Samoa Protection of Industries Resources and Employment Act (ASPIRE), currently before the U.S House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources.

My family has operated a range of business interests in American Samoa for well over 30 years and during this time, the patronage of the canneries and their employees have become an integral part of our businesses.

The loss of the COS Samoa Packing has had a direct impact on our lines of business, particularly with our rental properties. Should Star Kist Samoa also leave American Samoa, the direct detrimental impact on our companies would be a loss of revenues of approximately \$200K per year from foregone rental property and hotel room accommodation revenues. This does not take into consideration the indirect impact of purchases made by individual employees of goods and services from our companies.

As a citizen of American Samoa, I ask for your support in ensuring that the last remaining cannery remains a viable and competitive business, not only in American Samoa, but throughout the tuna canning industry worldwide. In a competitive global economy, the expected benefits outlined by ASPIRE are vital for our economy, our businesses and our families.

Sincerely

Avamua David O Haleck
President & CEO
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