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Chair Hoyle, Members of the House Rules Committee:

Thank you for the taking the time to read my written testimony in support of HCR 21, unfortunately I am out ill today, and unable to testify in person.

It is with deep gratitude that I bring forth HCR 21 in support of citizens of Compact of Free Association (COFA) nations living in the United States. After assuming administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the US then established the Pacific Proving Grounds in the Marshall Islands, where 67 atmospheric nuclear weapons were tested between 1946 and 1958.

The United States and the COFA nations have had a unique relationship throughout the years, and I believe HCR 21 is a good step in recognizing their strength and sacrifices to our country. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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