

# *The Deluxe Cafe*

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Hon. Nick Joe Rahall II, Chairman  
Hon. Doc Hastings, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Rahall and Ranking Member Hastings:

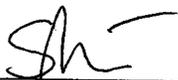
I am currently a business owner in American Samoa and am writing in support of the American Samoa Protection of Industries Resources and Employment Act, which is currently before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources.

I have reviewed ASPIRE, and I understand that this proposal will increase direct delivery of fish to American Samoa and will lead to tuna processors to continue with their operations on our island.

I currently own the Deluxe Café and currently employ twenty employees. My business has done well in the past because of the support from the cannery workers as well as the many business people that travel to our island to perform contractual services for the canneries. Chicken of the Sea's departure has resulted in declining revenues for our business and will result in an employee reduction plan after the holidays.

Gentlemen, I humbly request your high consideration of the ASPIRE proposal to help us maintain our livelihood on our island. We enjoy the hard work that we do to earn our living and do not want to burden our government with free hand-outs if we are unemployed.

Sincerely,



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Sherry Shalhout Butler