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As an active member of Love Pono at Leeward Community College I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for programs as such, because it has truly proven to be a vital resource to students throughout its existence and more importantly during this pandemic that we all are experiencing. I am in total support of replenishing the student fees to such college programs within the educational system here at the college.

Love Pono in particular has made many efforts toward reaching out to the student body to raise awareness about domestic violence and also to bring light to the topic of healthy relationships and especially self-care. Such subject matters have been hidden by a veil or stigma for a very long time and what Love Pono has done is bring it to the attention of all students and created platforms where students are comfortable and more importantly feel safe to reach out and ask for help or resources and more now than ever before have chosen to want to get more involved.

At a time like now when we are all experiencing the unraveling of this pandemic many students are looking for sufficient and effective ways to cope and better care for themselves and also to nurture their relationships whether it be friendships or intimate partner relationships. Love Pono has a responsibility to our student body and with your continued moral support and financial support we will be able to continue to provide services and temporary virtual events until we are able to be face to face once again.

With the funding that is provided for organizations like Love Pono we are able to reach students that would have otherwise never remained in college. We bring something unique and special to the educational platform. We genuinely bring forth lots of positive motivation and useful resources for the students to take full advantage of, which they do in all truth.

I am humbly asking that you please continue to financially support such organizations like ours and Student Life because it is a vital piece to the success and involvement of students all across the college board.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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