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The Honorable Josh Green Governor of Hawai'i Executive Chambers State Capitol 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Green:

Thank you for meeting with us during our recent trip to Hawai'i. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss the important partnership between the State of Hawai'i and the Army.

Hawai'i has been generous in its support for the Army and has leased numerous lands to us over the past 65 years. These lands are critical to the Army's ability to project U.S. power in the Indo-Pacific, serving as a vital logistics hub for rapid troop deployment.

We also understand these lands are very important to the people of Hawai'i. We want to work with you to come to a mutually acceptable framework by the end of this year that will allow us to move forward. Working together and with congressional support, we believe land exchange can be part of this framework.

Army training lands in Hawai'i are vital to U.S. national security interests. While we always hope for peace, we must plan for war, and these lands are vital to supporting training and ensuring warfighter readiness across Army Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Soldiers in Hawai'i. To lose access to critical training lands would be detrimental to U.S. national security and create a vulnerability that we, as a Nation, cannot afford.

I look forward to working with you to finalize this framework. It is imperative that we move quickly to resolve this issue now. We cannot wait, as our Nation depends on its Army to always be ready.

Sincerely,

Dan Driscoll