

STATE OF HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

May 23, 2016

The Honorable President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

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The Honorable Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr. U.S. Pacific Command Box 64028 Camp Smith, HI 96861 4028

Dear Admiral Harris:

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The Honorable Senator Brian E. Schatz 722 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schatz:

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The Honorable Senator Mazie K. Hirono 330 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hirono:

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The Honorable Congressman Mark Takai 422 Cannon House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515 2109

Dear Congressman Takai:

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The Honorable Congressman Tulsi Gabbard 1609 Longworth House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Gabbard:

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