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May 12, 2014

The Honorable Colette Machado  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Machado:

This letter is to formally request that my name be removed from the letter dated May 9, 2014, in which the trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) rescinded the letter that our CEO, Kamana`opono M. Crabbe sent to the Secretary of State, John. F. Kerry.

I added my name to that of the other eight trustees when I was informed, immediately upon my return to Honolulu, of events that had transpired in D.C. after my departure. I was not present at the meeting at which Dr. Crabbe's letter first became public nor had I seen it beforehand.

This series of events did take me by surprise as they seemed to reflect uncharacteristic behavior on the part of Dr. Crabbe. He has always struck me as a careful executive, with a strong sense of decorum and integrity. To me, he has always been mindful of his role as CEO and respectful of his reporting obligations to the board of trustees. He is equally mindful of OHA's larger obligations to its beneficiaries and the community at large.

I called him and listened to his account of what transpired, and I am now confident that he acted in good faith and with the powers vested in him as CEO to safeguard the interests of those we serve.

I have attended the many community town hall meetings OHA has held throughout the islands and heard the concerns articulated in Dr. Crabbe's letters expressed by several people. While those questions may be troubling and difficult to address, it is precisely because they are so that I now believe Dr. Crabbe demonstrated courage and integrity in moving those concerns forward to try to get the clarity we need. I believe he was trying to do his duty as CEO to protect OHA and its beneficiaries from the adverse effects of actions undertaken without full understanding of potential legal vulnerabilities. I believe his actions deserve our support.

For all those reasons, I ask that my name be immediately removed from the letter rescinding Dr. Crabbe's letter to Secretary Kerry. I regret the circumstances that led me to allow my name to be

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added to a letter that I now believe was sent off without adequate reflection and discussion among the trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carmen Hulu Lindsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Maui Trustee

cc: Trustee Oswald Stender  
Trustee Bob Lindsey  
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