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May 10, 2014

The Honorable Colette Machado
Trustee and Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200
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Re: Rescind Letter dated May 9, 2014 addressed to Secretary of State John F. Kerry

Dear Chairperson Machado,

I, Dan Ahuna, Trustee of Office of Affairs, Kaua'i & Ni'ihau believe that after further review of CEO, Dr. Kama'ano'opono Crabbe's press release, dated May 9, 2014 it clearly appears that Dr. Crabbe is carrying out his fiduciary authority of due diligence in gathering evidence needed to make decisions as the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

In this regard, it has come to my attention that Dr. Crabbe was fully in his capacity to make formal request to have the Department of State request an opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, addressing the following questions:

- First, does the Hawaiian Kingdom, as a sovereign independent State, continue to exist as a subject of international law?
- Second, if the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to exist, do the sole-executive agreements bind the United States today?
- Third, if the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to exist and the sole-executive agreements are binding on the United States, what effect would such a conclusion have on United States domestic legislation, such as the Hawai'i Statehood Act, 73 Stat. 4, and Act 195?
- Fourth, if the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to exist and the sole-executive agreements are binding on the United States, have the members of the Native

Hawaiian Roll Commission, Trustees and staff of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs incurred criminal liability under international law?"

For the reasons above, I have made the decision to immediately remove my name from the letter dated May 9, 2014 stating CEO, Kamana'opono M. Crabbe's letter dated May 5, 2014 to the Secretary of the State, John F. Kerry be rescinded.

It is in my interest to gather further information and pertinent documents in reference to the above. Therefore, I stand to remove my name/signature from the other Trustees signatures of the May 9, 2014 letter to Secretary of the State, John F. Kerry. Moreover, as the Trustee of Office of Affairs Kaua'i & Ni'ihau it is not in my authority to make such a decision. Overall, I believe that Dr. Crabbe's fiduciary responsibility is the true '*Guiding Light*' to moving forward in Building our Nation.

Sincerely,



Dan Ahuna

*Trustee of Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
Kaua'i & Ni'ihau*

Enclosures

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Secretary of State, John F. Kerry by *United States Postal Services to be postmarked May 12, 2014*