June 28, 2017

The Honorable Mazie Hirono  
United States Senate  
Prince Kuhio Federal Building  
300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm 3-106  
Honolulu, HI 96850

The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
Prince Kuhio Federal Building  
300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm 7-212  
Honolulu, HI 96850

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
United States House of Representatives  
1132 Bishop St., Ste. 1910  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard  
United States House of Representatives  
Prince Kuhio Federal Building  
300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm 5-104  
Honolulu, HI 96850

Dear Senator Hirono, Senator Schatz, Representative Hanabusa, and Representative Gabbard,

I would like to bring to your attention the growing concern of helicopter noise on Hawai‘i Island. Over the past three years complaints have increased and have been the topic of town hall meetings on both sides of the island.

There are other factors to be considered. First, HICoP (Hawai‘i Island Coalition Malama Pono) has asked for my support in establishing a Fly Friendly Program. Second, the noise in West Hawai‘i has been compounded by the increasing use of aircraft for training purposes at the Pohakuloa Training Area. Third, the FAA is unable to find amicable solutions between helicopter operators and the public. It may be time for changes to the rules, regulations, and guidelines that helicopter companies must follow.

Any efforts on your part would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808)586-8510.

Sincerely,

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House Majority Leader  
District 7: North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona

Cc: Hawai‘i Island Coalition Malama Pono