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Attn: Joseph Paulin, David Mattila, Ed Lyman, Naomi McIntosh

August 26, 2010

Dear Representatives,

Thank you for holding this hearing on Lana'i as a commitment to Lana'ians in participating in the preservation of the sanctuary.

As you are aware in response to the State Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Castle and Cooke LLC has proposed to the State and HECO to construct on Lana'i a large 20,000-acre power generation industrial complex in conjunction with a submarine power transmission cable between Lana'i and O'ahu to include Moloka'i and Maui.

The proposal may consist of 80-120 wind turbines serviced by as many or more service roads and a large inverter station on the rugged western portion of Lana'i requiring extensive moving of soil and deep foundations close to the shore and ocean resource.

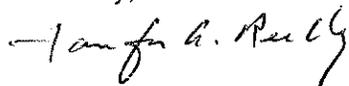
I believe all seventeen of the questions listed as standards for evaluating stressors upon the sanctuary from such a massive project may be significantly impacted.
(See: <http://www.lanaiwind.com/>).

I am requesting

- the development of a plan to evaluate the impacts on the resource and
- in collaboration with the community a habitat preservation plan to protect the resource.
- Please inform us regularly of your progress in initiating such a process.
- Create a "special link" to permit us to maintain communications and to learn how best to participate.

Lana'ians will support your agency's need for public funds to ensure plans meeting best-practice standards. I believe now is the time to initiate a program well before the State and Federal Environmental Impact Statements are conducted. Your agency's participation is critical not just for Lana'i, but also for the state and the nation to protect this national resource.

Sincerely,



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