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Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee Members
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Dear Committee Members:

We received the information you forwarded to us on the proposed Tradewinds facility. We will keep it in mind as we review any proposal from Tradewinds.

We also have a legal mandate to achieve a substantial level of renewable energy in Hawaii. We, by law, must review renewable energy options that will reduce our dependence on oil.

While we respect the Committees views and concerns on projects that may serve to meet the renewable goals, we also ask the community to understand our working within the law. Together, we as a State, Company and Community must find solutions to reduce our dependence on oil.

I hope we can count on you to help move our state forward and achieve this goal with whatever projects that make sense for our state and your community. Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

cc: Constance Lau
Warren Lee
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