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The Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket no. 10-90

Your threat of terminating Sandwich Isles Communication's (SIC) study area waiver will cause Native Hawaiians throughout the state hardship. Not only will there be no more Universal Service Funds coming into the state but the homesteaders will be left at the mercy of Hawaiian Tel (HaTel) who has already proven not to care about the Native Hawaiian community. When building their undersea cable HaTel completely skipped Molokai, an island primarily populated by Native Hawaiians. Last year HaTel was on the news because a good number of their customers were without service for over a month. I support SIC and the valuable work they do and have done. They performed on all their commitments to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and the homesteaders. They have given their own money to DHHL for the creation of a scholarship/educational fund; money that DHHL has kept and not provided to the homesteaders. SIC has provided the technology we need to advance our community through health and safety, business and education. I urge the FCC to make the *pono,* proper, decision and maintain SIC's study area waiver.

Mahalo,

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Subscriber ___ Yes ✓ No

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