Keep Sandwich Isles Communications the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier to Receive Funding to Maintain and Upgrade Telecommunications System

Hawaiians living on Hawaiian Home Lands across our state have made great strides to claim a better quality of life for their families and for future generations. This is now being threatened by the Federal Communications Commission. For the past 20 years, Sandwich Isles Communications has been designated as the sole provider of telecommunications services to these subscribers to ensure they have access, at no infrastructure cost to DHHL or homesteaders, to emergency services, to start their own businesses, and to further their education online. Low-income subscribers, the majority of whom are elderly, are most at risk. We are concerned that without this designation, things will return back to the way they were and other phone companies will receive subscriber fees without providing the services needed for remote homestead areas. 1/9/17

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