January, 2017

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

Aloha FCC Commissioners,

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

I am writing in support of Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC), which provides basic phone and Internet service to underserved and unserved homesteaders. These services are critical in today's society, and SIC has been providing them exclusively to homestead areas, including those in remote and sparsely populated areas that other companies did not want to serve. The Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) actions are risking service to our remote areas of Hawaiian Home Lands. This is not fair to SIC and native Hawaiians living on Hawaiian Home Lands. For the sake of Hawaii's people, I urge you to ensure that native Hawaiians are able to benefit from the federal programs that allow SIC to provide today's technology at affordable prices. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elysiah P. Kaiwi-Merck Signature

SIC Subscriber ☒ Yes ☐ No

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cc: Senator Brian Schatz
Senator Mazie Hirono
Representative Tulsi Gabbard
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