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Aloha FCC Commissioners,

More than 20 years ago the Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands sought a private-public partnership in which a private company would build the telecommunications network for its residents at no cost to the Department or its residents in remote rural areas. Sandwich Isles Communication (SIC) built the telecommunications infrastructure so that the unserved and the underserved residents residing on Waimanalo Hawaiian Home Lands could have access to state-of-the art telecommunications services.

I appreciate the service that SIC has provided for my Waimanalo Homestead Community and ask that you ensure that SIC continue to operate so that O'hana residing on Waimanalo Homestead may receive uninterrupted service.

Mahalo,

Kahaunani Mahoe-Thone