

# KAI LOA, INC.

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Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. 54.302, WC Doc. No. 10-90,  
WT Doc. No. 10-208

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in support of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.'s (SIC) waiver request before the FCC. KAI LOA, INC is the support organization of Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, Laboratory Public Charter School. Our institution is a family-based, Hawaiian language immersion school offering a comprehensive multi-level (elementary through secondary) educational program. Our families are from communities, which range from urban to rural and for whom the Hawaiian language is being reintroduced to their family. Broadband access to our organization is critical to ensuring we can keep costs down while providing the necessary educational services to our students, families and staff.

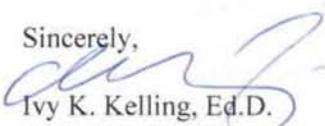
SIC will be providing us with telecommunication services in June of 2012. Your continued support will ensure their investment in fiber optic infrastructure in our underserved communities continues. Once complete, SIC's robust and reliable statewide fiber optic network will expand broadband capabilities and provide affordable access for community anchor institutions, like ours. This will result in substantial benefits for the entire state, but especially our rural and remote communities, delivering improved education, healthcare, and economic development opportunities in a way only broadband can provide.

As Hawaii's only Rural Local Exchange Carrier (RLEC), SIC is the only carrier that has consistently demonstrated its commitment to ensuring Hawaii's rural and remote areas have access to broadband infrastructure. SIC has and will continue to provide broadband access in Hawaii's most rural and remote areas, squarely in line with the spirit and intent of Universal Service. Plainly put, we strongly believe the future broadband capabilities of our organization and our community hinge on SIC's ability to continue to fund critical infrastructure investments in our rural communities.

We are in full support of SIC's waiver request and look forward to the benefits adequate and affordable broadband access will provide.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of SIC's waiver request to assist in the deployment of broadband in Hawaii's rural and remote communities.

Sincerely,

  
Ivy K. Kelling, Ed.D.  
Executive Director

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