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Dear Mr. Waters:

Re: Dockets OST2833, 6502 and 6773

I am the State Senator representing Hana, East & Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i & Kaho'olawe. As a public official and the Senator representing both Hana and Kalaupapa, I am requesting that you to extend the public comment period for the reselection of a contractor to provide essential air service to Hana and Kalaupapa.

The purpose of requesting an extension of time is to allow the community more time to review the information and provide comments accordingly. Members of the community have also expressed a desire to discuss the proposals with the applicants, if at all possible. Apparently the community feels that very little information has been made available to them to learn more about the proposals, which are vital to the lifeline of the community. It is my understanding that public comments terminate on January 7, 2005, which is too short a period following the intervening holidays for people to become knowledgeable about the proposals.

I am requesting, on behalf of the community, an extension of an additional thirty days. I would appreciate being informed of your decision at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter of utmost importance to my constituents.

Sincerely,

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Senator, 6th District, State of Hawai'i
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