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February 22, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

I am sending this letter to wholeheartedly endorse Morris Atta as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

Previously, Morris served as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture since 2019, assisting in the oversight of all departmental matters, including maintaining operational efficiency, developing new administrative policies, and coordinating legislative proposals.

He has also served numerous roles at HDOA such as the Acting Agricultural Loan Division Administrator, Acting Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and the Agricultural Land Program Manager. Through these roles, he assisted in the creation and management of agricultural parks and revenue streams to promote sustainability of the department and agriculture in Hawai'i.

Morris earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law and a B.A. degree in psychology at Yale University.

I have every confidence that Morris will serve the state well in his capacity as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i