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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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January 25, 2023

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

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

Aloha President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

I am sending this letter to wholeheartedly endorse Dawn Chang as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR).

For over twenty years, Dawn worked as the Principal of Ho'ākea LLC dba Ku'iwalu, a woman-owned, Native Hawaiian business specializing in strategic planning and facilitating conflict resolution for public and private sector projects. Through community building, particularly with Native Hawaiian communities and organizations, she designed processes to genuinely engage stakeholders in contentious and culturally sensitive issues and projects. It is this culturally sensitive community engagement process that she brings to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Previously, she served as a state Land Use Commissioner and Deputy Attorney General. In these roles, she gained a legal background and expertise in land use, Native Hawaiian rights, and environmental law.

Dawn earned a J.D. degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, and an M.A. in social work and B.A. in sociology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I have every confidence that Dawn will serve the state well in her capacity as Chairperson of the BLNR.

Mahalo,

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