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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 Major General Kenneth "Ken" Hara as the Adjutant General of the Hawai'i Department of Defense (DOD).

Ken has served as the Adjutant General and Deputy Adjutant General since 2019 and 2015 respectively, leading departmental initiatives related to the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and maintaining the force structures. In this role, he oversaw disaster response efforts with state, county, federal, and private partners.

Additionally, he has a 38-year career with the Hawai'i National Guard, having commanded at every level from a 40-person platoon to the 5,500 soldiers and airman of the Hawai'i National Guard. With his leadership skills, military and emergency management technical expertise, and experience, Ken has proven to be a distinguished leader dedicated to the safety and security of Hawai'i's people.

Ken earned an M.A. in military strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College and a B.A. degree in human services from Hawai'i Pacific University.

I have every confidence that Ken will serve the state well in his capacity as Adjutant General of the Hawai'i Department of Defense.

Mahalo,

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