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We are the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce in Honolulu, Hawaii. Our mission is to connect and strengthen Native Hawaiian businesses, professions and communities by building on a foundation of relationships, resources and Hawaiian values. We represent over two hundred Native Hawaiian businesses and business professionals. We write to you to express our support for the retention of the Papahānaumokuʻākea Marine National Monument as it currently exists.

As we expressed in our earlier public comments to the White House and the Hawaii Congressional Delegation last year regarding the proposed Expansion of Papahānaumokuʻākea National Marine Monument, we had some reservations regarding the proposal as was then written. But, as we read the Final Proclamation from the President and the letter from the Secretary of the Interior, it appeared that most of our concerns were adequately addressed and we then and now fully support the existence of the Papahānaumokuʻākea National Marine Monument as is.

Mission Statement: To connect and strengthen Native Hawaiian businesses, professions and communities by building on a foundation of relationships, resources and Hawaiian values. As you will now come to know, one of our concerns was that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

(OHA) be elevated to the position of Co—Trustee along with the Dept. of Commerce (NOAA)

and the D01 and the State of Hawaii DLNR. That was done by the prior Secretary's letter. We had further asked, that given the immense impact an expansion will have on native

Hawaiians, it is important that the Native Hawaiian people have the right to access, gather,

harvest, procure, and exercise all traditional, customary, cultural, economic, subsistence,

spiritual, and religious practices within the Papahānaumokuʻākea marine national monument.

Most of these requests were accomplished in the Final Proclamation. It was pointed out in our previous referenced letters and comments, that upon the establishment

of the Native Hawaiian Nation, an economic development plan for fishing, gathering, and other

uses of Papahānaumoku'ākea for the betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians, should

be established. We are still advocating for your good offices, Mr. Secretary, to support the

economic development of our Exclusive Native Hawaiian Fishing Rights throughout the Monument. Finally, we asked, and are still asking, that the U.S. Congress along with the Secretary of

Commerce and yourself, the Secretary of the Interior, should enter into compacts as well as

stewardship and other agreements with the sovereign Native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition

by the U.S. for the perpetuation and exercise of Native Hawaiian cultural, religious, economic,

subsistence and customary practices within the monument.