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Mr. Dean Minakami
Office of the Executive Director
Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Support for Ho'onanea Rental Project at Ho'opili Gateway

Dear Mr. Minakami:

I am writing to express strong support for the Ho'onanea rental project, a crucial development for affordable housing for the Kapolei community. This project, spearheaded by the Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii addresses an urgent need by providing 192 affordable rental units in four 4-story building buildings for families earning 30% to 60% of the area median income.

Located on a 6.5-acre site in Ho'opili Gateway (north of UH West Oahu at the corner of Farrington Highway and Kualakai Parkway), Ho'onanea will offer a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom apartments with monthly rents ranging from \$599 to \$1,840 (30-60% AMI), easing the housing burden for residents with modest incomes. This well-planned project will also feature essential amenities such as play areas, a learning center, and on-site resident services, creating a supportive environment that fosters family well-being and community connection.

I believe this project will make a lasting impact in my district by creating much-needed affordable housing options. I respectfully urge the HHFDC to support the Ho'onanea project and help bring this valuable resource to our community. Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Tupola". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andria Tupola, Ph.D.
Honolulu City Councilmember