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State Historic Preservation Division

Hakalau Plantation Co. Warehouses

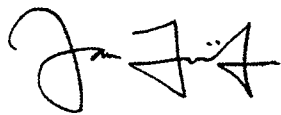
Dear Committee Members

In my role as President and CEO of HPM Building Supply, I lead our company's 16 locations and facilities on all major Hawaiian Islands. HPM is a diversified building material retailer, distributor and manufacturer that fully supports Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative and their presence in our island state. HPM is anticipating the growth of HLRI's business model of reforestation of native forests that include an infrastructure of sustainable products and innovative programs. They have brought back biodiversity in many areas of our state while creating green jobs that encourage economic growth and make us more self-sufficient while addressing climate change issues that affect every single person in the state.

Self-sufficiency and resilience is what Hawaii needs more of which is the reason why I support the efforts of HLRI. I look forward to their sustainable timber resources. We see many businesses fail over the years because it can be a challenge to do business in Hawaii with our high cost of living, labor costs, and our geographical isolation. HPM has always been innovative and progressive through all our challenges and that's how we are able to be in business for over 100 years. HLRI is another innovative and progressive company that develops new business ideas to strengthen our economy. Hawaii needs to encourage businesses like theirs to help our communities and economy. The costs and demand for higher value hardwoods is increasing worldwide. Right now, the majority of Hawaii's lumber supply is shipped from the Pacific Northwest and Canada. That's a huge carbon footprint. Imagine, sustainable locally-sourced quality timber for local projects!

Please recognize the importance to Hawaii and our island people of supporting their nomination of the property, "Hakalau Plantation Co Warehouses" to Hawaii State Historic Places Registry to assist Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative LLC in their mission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of their nomination.

Sincerely,



Jason Fujimoto,
President & CEO

