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Alan Downer, Ph.D Administrator State Historic Preservation Division 601 Kamokila Blvd, Ste 555 Kapolei, HI 96707

Dear Dr. Downer:

It has come to our attention that a nomination for the Hyo Chu Hi, Shinshu Kyokai Mission of Hawaii's war memorial, carved by Otsubo in 1907 will be before the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board on March 24, 2023. The nomination is part of a nomination form for five (5) Otsubo Stone Monuments in Hawaii.

The Shinshu Kyokai Mission Board of Directors is opposed to the nomination, as we are concerned about maintenance and public access requirements dictated by such a nomination. The monument is private property.

Further, we are concerned that no one spoke to us to get approval from the Board prior to submitting the nomination.

Thank you for considering our position on the nomination of the Hyo Chu Hi.

Sincerely,

Reverend Roland K. Tatsuguchi

Head Minister, Shinshu Kyokai Mission of Hawaii

Russell K. Mukai

President, Board of Directors

Shinshu Kyokai Mission of Hawaii