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January 6, 2011

Dr. Melvin H. Chiogioji, PE
President
'Āina Koa Pono LLC
745 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1603
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Dr. Chiogioji,

Congratulations to 'Āina Koa Pono on being selected as a recipient of an historic agreement with Hawaiian Electric Company to provide sustainable, locally grown and manufactured clean energy for Hawai'i. I am pleased that 'Āina Koa Pono's new Ka'u Energy Farm—in the Ka'u District of Hawai'i Island—will be located in the Second Congressional District of Hawai'i. Hawai'i's geographic isolation, year-round growing season, and rich landscape make it an ideal place to be a leader in renewable energy, making it possible to reduce our state's dependence on imported fossil fuels.

As an avid supporter of increasing Hawai'i's energy self-sufficiency through the development of commercial bioenergy operations, I am excited that 'Āina Koa Pono is taking visionary steps in leading the way to making this goal a reality for our islands.

Sincerely,

Mazie K. Hirono
Member of Congress