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Dear Concession Program Manager,

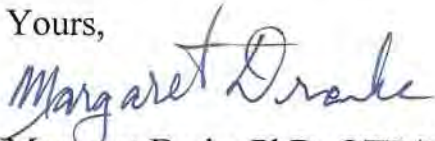
I am writing in support of the bid for the operation of the Volcano House concession by David Howard Donald and the Volcano Project. The Volcano House has been a landmark for so many including me. I look forward to having it back in operation again and I support it as described in the application by Mr. Donald.

We have such a need here on this island for the kind of establishment which includes hospitality training as well as hospitality for the many people from around the world who come to see our volcano. Having been involved in adult student training for many years, I know that REAL learning does not take place until an individual begins to actually practice what they have learned in classes. Our plan for Volcano House would offer exactly this sort of opportunity.

Our community would greatly benefit from the jobs that the establishment of this particular concession would offer. This fits with the goals that the Obama administration has for increasing jobs. These would not be temporary as some infrastructure jobs are, but would continue for many years.

The League of Women Voters here on Hawaii Island is joining a national League study on "privatization." From the pre-study online discussion, the distinction between non-profit community privatization vs. for profit privatization has made it apparent how much better it would be for all involved to have this Volcano Project.

Yours,



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