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Attention: Concession Program Manager

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposal being submitted by David H. Donald and Anne Lee of The Volcano Project (TVP) to operate the Volcano House and related facilities in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

I have had personal conversations with David Donald over the past several months about how our organization, Kea'au Youth Business Center, can collaborate to fulfill The Volcano Project's vision of providing training and jobs for at-risk area youth who we have served in a similar capacity over the past five years.

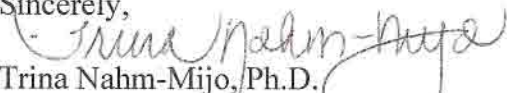
Although we are a relatively young entity, we have been able to provide approximately 100 youth the opportunity to graduate from high school with 12 college credits in the past five years; to provide skill building in culinary, music and video to these youth as well as another approximately 200 high school youth in the past three years; and employ 40 interns over two summers in collaboration with Alu Like and Workforce Development.

We see that a collaboration with The Volcano Project will increase our capacity to offer training and job opportunities to the youth we serve.

Our Center has successfully produced a CD which was mixed and mastered at our facility containing all original music composed and performed by our program participants called "Na Ano, Native Seeds". Our participants have also created numerous original music videos. These products and others like them would be popular visitor items which could be augmented by live performances by our youth resulting in unique cultural exchange opportunities augmenting the environmental beauty of the National Parks with the musical talent of local youth.

The Volcano Project's unique proposal offers a creative way for the National Parks to contribute to the vitality of the community and vice versa. This kind of synergy can only be a win-win situation for both Volcano National Park, visitors, and residents alike. Please seriously consider TVP for the Volcano House concession contract.

Sincerely,


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