

## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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Regional Director Pacific West Region National Park Service 1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700 Oakland, California 94607 Attention: Concession Program Manager

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support of David Howard Donald and Anne Lee of The Volcano Project (TVP) in their bidding for the Volcano House concession management contract.

Volcano is a one-of-a-kind area and very unique to the Hawaiian Islands, and is vital in keeping the Hawaiian culture and spirit alive for generations to come. TVP has shown an ability to combine their effort along with the mission of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to create a beneficial program for all visitors.

Not only will the visitors reap the benefits of TVP, but also the community members who will be employed at the concession. Employment at this concession will not be just another run of the mill job; TVP is committed to reaching out to the at-risk youth of the Volcano community and providing an opportunity that is not often extended to them. To David Howard Donald and Anne Lee, this is much more than a business opportunity, this is an opportunity to engage in an endeavor that will have positive ramifications for Volcano and the island of Hawai'i as a whole.

I would again like to express my strong support of The Volcano Project in their bid for concessioner for the Volcano House.

Hau'oli Ka Mana'o,

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