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Attention: Concession Program Manager

To Whom It May Concern,

I extend my sincerest support for The Volcano Project's bid on the Volcano House concession management contract. The Volcano Project is proposing the historic Volcano House be managed by a local, community-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Through this non-profit system of management, 100% of all profits will remain within Kilauea to directly benefit Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park as well as the surrounding community.

I support this proposal that focuses on creating jobs as well as educational and economic opportunities. This is especially significant for Kilauea, a rural area where such opportunities are most needed. The surrounding locations of Puna and Ka'u will also benefit from The Volcano Project's Culinary Institute and the creation of 110 full-time jobs.

It is clear that this will help meet the needs of the surrounding community due to the efforts of Anne Lee and David Howard Donald who have actively solicited feedback from residents. Overwhelming support is reflected in the diverse comments and opinions expressed in many letters of support that bridge political, cultural, social, economic and ethnic divides.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park serves as an "outdoor classroom" to all who visit. The Volcano Project is a wonderful opportunity for the National Park Service to further utilize Volcano House as an educational avenue that fosters sustainability within the local community.

I wholeheartedly support The Volcano Project in their bid for concessioner for the Volcano House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Schatz".

Brian Schatz
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i