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Regional Director Pacific West Region
National Park Service
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Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Concession Program Manager,

My name is Candy Suiso and I am the Founder/Executive Director for Wai'anae High School's Searider Productions – Hawaii's premiere digital media program recognized nationally for the quality of production work created by our students. 55% of Wai'anae High School's students are Native Hawaiian and since 1993 their talent has generated thousands of hours of media content reflecting the concerns and issues of our island community. They have also created content that showcase the beauty and lifestyle of Hawaii to the world.

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the proposed Volcano Project by David Donald and Anne Lee. As Founder/Executive Director of Searider Productions, I strongly believe that more youth can be steered onto paths that ensure they graduate from school with marketable skills for the 21st century. I welcome The Volcano Project's vision of using profits from the Volcano House concession to fund educational opportunity for Hawai'i's youth, especially youth at risk and one that will incorporate Native Hawaiian values, pride in one's community and self, and the importance of cross-generational interactions.

I strongly support the Volcano Project as the next big step to empowering our youth to become the future leaders of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

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