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TO: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Stacy Crivello, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2168, RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to implement Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, in accordance with the State's constitutional duty to protect important agricultural lands, by providing funds to the counties for the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands.

This measure is included in the Hawaii State Association of Counties' ("HSAC") Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony as HSAC's Secretary.

I am aware that the President of HSAC has submitted testimony, on behalf of HSAC, in support of this measure. As Secretary, I concur with the testimony submitted by the President, and urge you to **support** this measure.

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