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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

August 23, 2019

The Honorable Kelly T. King  
Chair, Maui County Council  
Kalana O Maui Building  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Re: County of Maui v. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund,  
Pending before the United States Supreme Court

Dear Chair King:

I am responding to your letter, dated July 31, 2019 regarding the County of Maui v. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, et al. Clean Water Act (CWA) case currently pending before the United States Supreme Court. You discuss the brief by thirteen states and the District of Columbia that cautions the Supreme Court against adopting the view of the CWA advocated by the Trump Administration. You state that the Maui County Council's Governance, Ethics, and Transparency ("GET") Committee "would benefit from hearing the State's views on the case." You also indicate that the State's commentary to the Committee could advance the settlement proposal, and support for the other states' brief could also be beneficial.

The State of Hawai'i is not a party to the action. However, we did participate in settlement discussions at the trial level. I agree that the settlement is a good option to revisit at this time, and I will support any effort to settle this matter. As with the discussions at the trial level, we will again assist in the settlement process, if requested.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai'i