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Voluntary Employees' Benefit Association of Hawaii

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Mr. Mark Fukuhara, Administrator
Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96810-0150

SUBJECT: Request for Union Membership Information

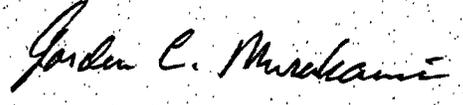
Dear Mr. Fukuhara:

We are responding to your letter of March 19, 2003 to Mr. Russell K. Okata, Executive Director of HGEA requesting for certain data of members enrolled in the union medical plans. This to inform you that we are not able to comply with your request. VEBAH is defined to be a financial institution under the Federal GLB Act and must comply with the provisions of protecting our member's "non-public financial information". The only way that we would be able to release such data is if we were to obtain individual consent forms, which for obvious reasons cannot be done within a reasonable time period.

In light of what will transpire for the upcoming Open Enrollment in May 2003, VEBAH will be communicating individually via targeted letters informing each of our members what will happen to their union medical plans on July 1, 2003. We will bring to their attention and refer directly to the EUTF booklet on what options is available. These letters are schedule to go out the later part of April 2003.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 539-1628.

Sincerely,



Gordon C. Murakami
Vice President, Client Services

Cc: Russell K. Okata, HGEA Executive Director