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via email to
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Aloha e Ms. Ibarra,

On behalf of the State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), I am writing to encourage Boards and Commissions to work with Governor Ige to appoint members to fill the vacancies on the EAC as soon as possible. The EAC currently has four (4) vacancies, leaving us at risk of not making quorum if just three (3) members are unable to attend a meeting. Under previous administrations, this was a long-standing problem for the EAC. But with Governor Ige's leadership and thoughtful appointments, that issue had disappeared — until recently. In fact, we had to cancel our October meeting for lack of quorum.

The EAC is aware that there are several applications pending with Boards and Commissions for membership to the EAC, which have not been acted on for some time. Members of the public who submitted applications have not been informed whether their applications were received or the status of review of those applications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Mahalo nui loa,

/s/ Puananionaona Thoene
Chair
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