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The Honorable Sen. David Ige
PO Box 2999
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Dear Senator Ige,

Thank you for your letter explaining the concerns which have motivated you to withdraw from tomorrow's Grassroot Institute Gubernatorial Forum.

Please accept my apology for any miscommunication or presumption on our part.

I respect your concerns and would be very grateful for the opportunity to address them specifically with you or your representative.

With respect to broadcasting, we will do anything necessary to ensure that the forum participants are comfortable. Our original intention is to broadcast audio live without editing for the entirety of the event and post the video within 48 hours in its entirety without editing. However, we are open to making any necessary modification.

As to the audience, while the venue is a monthly gathering of Grassroot Institute members and guests, it is not "closed." We are pleased that nearly seventy percent of the registered guests are non-members. Additionally, many representatives of the mainstream news media are planning to be present.



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I believe that we can provide you and your campaign the assurances needed that the event will be conducted with fairness and in a way that would be beneficial to the public, you, and the other participants. That is our highest priority.

We will do everything we can to make your participation worthwhile and safe for you and your campaign.

Kindly give me a call or have your representative reach me on my cell at (808) 256-9792.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keli'i Akina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the top of the "i" in "Akina" towards the upper right.

Keli'i Akina
President/CEO