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Aloha Ms. Hanoa,

I would like to thank you for calling my attention to Ron Self's persuasive editorial in the November 28th Honolulu Advertiser. I agree that development on the big island must be well-planned and supported by reliable infrastructure.

Also, I believe that the Punalu`u Black Sand Beach Ahupua`a on the big island of Hawai`i is, in its natural state, an essential part of the big island. The endangered species and Hawaiian cultural sites of this area merit the strongest form of protection.

The State's Legacy Land Conservation Program provides land acquisition grants from the Land Conservation Fund on an annual basis for the purchase, in either fee simple or conservation easement, of properties in need of protection. As the movement to use the County of Hawaii's new open space fund for acquisition in Punalu`u progresses, please consider advocating for the use of the Land Conservation Fund as well. For more information on the Program, contact the program's coordinator, Molly Schmidt, by email, Molly.E.Schmidt@hawaii.gov, or by telephone, (808) 586-0921.

Again, thank you for your work to support and protect Ka`ū and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



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