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Ms. Susan Ballard
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Dear Chief Ballard:

I write to share with you a concern that has been brought to the attention of the Consulate General of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) here in Honolulu. This relates to our people residing here in Hawaii who are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia. "Micronesians" in Hawaii may hail from the three different countries of Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the FSM in the Micronesian region. And while I don't necessarily speak for the other two Micronesian entities of Palau and the Marshall Islands, I know we are collectively aware of this problem as it threatens the lives of all Micronesians alike.

We have observed recently an increase in what may amount to alleged racial profiling by law enforcement authorities on Micronesians living in Hawaii. This may be triggered by the continued negative backlash faced by Micronesians because of recent events. The unfortunate recent police shooting of a 16-year old Sykap Iremamber and the current public reaction brings to the forefront the seriousness of how Micronesians are feeling the threats of being singled out in their communities in Hawaii.

In a recent clip that went viral on social media, we witnessed what appeared to be an act of racial profiling of some young Micronesian boys who just happened to be in the vicinity of a crime in Waikiki. The young boys were singled out because they appear to 'fit the general description' of the assailant(s) of a particular crime. We continue to hear other stories on a regular basis from many Micronesians in Hawaii. These stories seem to corroborate the same element of racial profiling by law enforcement authorities.

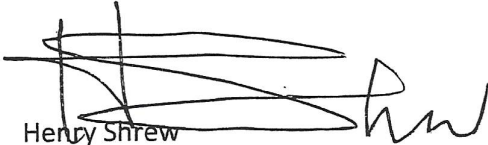
I'm quite concern about this matter as we should all be. No group of people should be susceptible to any form of threat by anyone especially law enforcement personnel who are charged with duties to protect all people at all times. The fabrics of this great country of the United States is weaved on the foundations of people's rights to live, speak freely, assemble,

have the right to justice and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. No group of people should ever feel threaten in its own backyard or community regardless of race.

I implore your leadership to explore the best amicable solution there is that can help calm the fears of Micronesians in Hawaii. We stand ready and willing to work with you in any which way we can to put some sense of security into the lives of these Hawaii residents who feel most threatened. I am confident this can be done and achieved through needed effort especially in our great Aloha State. Working together we can allay these concerns and ensure the peaceful enjoyment of our civil liberties.

Please feel at ease to contact me at the FSM Consulate General at (808) 836-4775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Shrew', written over a horizontal line.

Henry Shrew
Acting Consul General

Cc: Chairman, Police Commission, Shannon L. Alivado
FSM Ambassador to the United States of America
Consul General, Republic of Palau
Consul General, Republic of the Marshall Islands

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