

November 18, 2005

The Honorable Thomas C. Dorr  
Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA  
& Members of the Farm Bill Listening Forum  
c/o Office of the State Director  
USDA/Rural Development  
154 Wai'anuenue Ave., Room 303  
Hilo, HI 98720

Re: USDA Farm Bill Listening Forum  
Saturday, November 12, 2005  
Sheraton Keauhou Beach Resort Convention Center  
Kailua-Kona, HI

Dear Under Secretary Dorr & Members of the Forum:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony regarding farm and rural policy to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I was unable to attend the hearing as I live on O'ahu, however I wanted to note my support of a company that has really helped to improve the quality of life for many of our residents in rural areas and that company is Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC). Thank you for supporting their mission of providing state of the art telecommunication service to unserved and underserved rural areas, such as the Wa'anae Coast, where I have lived for over 20 years.

My community sits out on the driest, hottest, and economically challenged area on the island of Oahu. Technology, telecommunications, and the network that SIC is building is the first of its kind in our area. SIC's commitment brings new and exciting opportunities for our schools, community organizations, cultural development, job training, distance learning, post-high education, and also telemedicine to the only health center for the entire area.

For years we have seen other companies pass our community by or even worst they made promises and left. I believe SIC is committed to our community as demonstrated by their involvement, support, and presence in community development, events, and organizations.

Once again, thank you for listening and for this opportunity to ask for your continued support of SIC's efforts for the sake of our children, our community, and the entire State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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November 19, 2005

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Dear Under Secretary Dorr & Members of the Forum:

I am writing in support of Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) mission of providing state of the art telecommunication service to unserved and underserved rural areas, such as the Wai'anae Coast. I live in one of the most economically challenged area on the island of O'ahu and I believe SIC will help to level the playing field so we can better compete with the rest of our state and the country.

I am confident SIC will bring new and exciting opportunities for our schools, community organizations, cultural development, job training, distance learning, post-high education, and also telemedicine to the only health center for the entire area. This is the type of access, availability, and technology our area badly needs.

Other companies passed our community by or even worst they made promises and left. I believe SIC is committed to our community as demonstrated by their involvement, support, and presence in community development, events, and organizations. Please help us by helping SIC to continue and ultimately fulfill the promises they made to us.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my thoughts and for this opportunity to ask for your continued support of SIC's efforts for the sake of our children and our community.

Sincerely,

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