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Dear Mr. Berry:

Aloha! Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony, related to reconciliation effort between the United States and restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

I am a non-Hawaiian, though I have a deep love and commitment to the plight of the Hawaiian people and the restoration of the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

The Hawaiian people have the highest mortality rates from cancer, diabetes, and heart disease (United States statistics). In addition, Hawaiians have the highest rates of juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, poverty, teen pregnancy, and violent juvenile crime. Hawaiians are over-represented in prison (Hawaiians make up one fifth of the population in Hawai'i, however Hawaiians are nearly fifty percent of the prison population).

**Reconciliation must consist of the total restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom as it existed before the 1893 criminal act committed by the U.S. Navy.**

President Cleveland, in his wisdom sought the rightful return of Queen Lili'uokalani to her position as the leader Hawai'i. Unfortunately, **greed prevailed** with President McKinley and annexation.

I have known many Hawaiians whom died a premature, inopportune death due to ramifications of the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. These were wonderful human beings who had extraordinary talent, knowledge, incredible musical ability, and aloha (love). Those departed souls deserve peace, that their fellow Hawaiian's will get reparations and just treatment from the U.S. for the misdeed that has resulted in the decimation of the Hawaiian people and their 'aina (land).

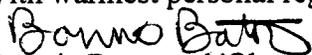
The return of the Hawaiian Kingdom and monetary compensation to the Hawaiian people is the least that the United States government must do. The dismal downward spiral of the Hawaiian people has to be curtailed through righting the wrong perpetrated upon them for generations, since the 1893 criminal act!

Furthermore, the return of more than 1.8 million acres of Hawaiian crown and government lands ceded to the U.S. in 1898, and legislation recognizing the right of Hawaiians to determine their political relationship with the U.S. are ways the federal government can make amends for the transgression.

Lastly Mr. Berry, the U.S. military, whom is the largest landowner in Hawai'i must leave Hawai'i nei. It is occupying stolen land!

Mahalo plenty, Mr. Berry for passing on my testimony to the proper channels that righteousness may occur to benefit a people whom continue to suffer from the wrong committed in 1893.

With warmest personal regards,

  
Bonnie Bator and 'Ohana

cc U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka  
U.S. Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink