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Aloha Mr Berry,

I saw you on TV during the hearings on the reconciliation process between the US government and the Hawaiian nation. Due to your sensitive, respectful and responsive manner during those intense talks, I wish to offer some additional perspective. Thank you for considering it.

(1) One area of serious concern is the blatant corruption many people in Hawaii have endured on the state level of government, which has several agencies serving the needs of not only Native Hawaiians, but of disempowered and disadvantaged people of many cultures. One case in point is the state agency administering Federal H.U.D. money for "Section 8" housing, formerly called "Hawaii Housing Authority", and this past year they changed their name to "Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii", but they are the same exact office. I went to the courthouse (777 Punchbowl St, Honolulu) and saw for myself that on record (only going back 10-15 years) this state agency has had 467 (as of the date I went there a year ago) lawsuits in the computer files. My own experience with them is (1) 99.9% (*) of their employees are Asian-Americans, a racist hiring policy transparently obvious in all levels of government agencies in Hawaii (2) they have broken their word repeatedly, subjecting me to humiliating litigation in which I was sued by a landlord for Section 8's share of my rent, and my flawless credit rating was desecrated (3) their head administrator, Mitsuo Shito was convicted of stealing $40,000 of Section 8 tenant rent money for 2 years for his own family (4) they continually reduce rental amounts Empowerished Tenants

(*) I know of ONE token non-Asian Employee there, and he's a puppet.

(2) can offer landlords, in direct contrast with the actual rental market. But the government can afford to send space probes crashing into other planets with tax dollars. This is part of why an island as small as O'ahu has 8-10,000 homeless people, with an especially high percentage of these being Native Hawaiians. After the scandal of Mr. Shito's conviction and another sabottage ~~they~~ Hi. Housing imposed on me, (abusing and traumatizing another former landlord of mine), HUD sent a wonderful advocate here from the mainland, a Mr. Michael Blogower, who (after a couple of years) has since returned to the mainland (transferred to Florida) and his position was discontinued. The day he left, the housing authority again violated my rights as a disabled tenant, rights that Mr. Blogower pro[illegible] fought for. Currently I live in a horrible sham, next door to drug dealers whose dope smoke I medically cannot endure. The San Francisco District HUD office has [illegible] offered any support, and in fact has treated me with impatient disdain and impertinent disrespect. As part of healing the concerns of Hawaiian people, maybe your office can restore Mr. Blogower's position to police the ~~state agencies~~ handling Federal housing funds for the poor, Hawaiians include[illegible] I wrote HUD in Washington D[illegible] and I was ignored. BUT I'M NOW PEGGED AS A WHISTLEBLOWER.

(B) Another area in need of Federal attention is the issue of medical service. Currently disabled people get minimal coverage if they are on SSI or welfare for only chemical medicines from Western doctors, and even then, for those cheaper prescriptions with the worst side effects. I have multiple chemical sensitivity with many allergies, when my physician p[illegible]ides Allegra 60 mg twice a day, medicaid refuses to cover it, instead insisting on a substitute that would profoundly impair my mental clarity and subsequent safety to drive. There is no coverage for Hawaiian herbs, even though the Hawaiian culture has a long history of native medicine (Kahuna La'au Lapa'au). There is no coverage for acupuncture and Chinese herbs, which have NO side effects. My entire SSI check, beyond rent + car, goes for Chinese medicine, just to breathe! I can't even afford to shop for clothes at a thrift store.

(C) Frankly no one on the island believes Mr. Cayetano really won the election for governor, not even people in the Filipino community with whom I've spoken. He is a great advocate for blue-collar jobs for Filipinos, the same way that former governor Ariyoshi put Japanese into white collar jobs, but if you're white, black, Hispanic, Islander, Hawaiian or Indian, forget about a fair chance to work, regardless of education. All Federal Discrimination laws are disregarded by this state. Enclosed are supporting documents