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Dear Mr. Berry,

On behalf of our non-profit corporation, I submit this our written testimony. It must be clear by now that the Hawaiian people want and need a form of self governance and sovereignty. But it is equally clear that the vehicle by which over 200 Indian Tribes have successfully used to obtain Federal Recognition, is not the same for Hawaiians. The law that we are referring to is 25 CFR. We are perplexed by the fact that this federal law pertains only to the U.S. Continent of 49 States, 25CFR83.3 (a) and totally ignores the State of Hawaii. We are equally amazed by the fact that this same law only addresses Indian Tribes and not Native Americans or Indigenous Peoples concerns. We ask you Mr. Assistant Secretary, are we a part of these United States, or not?

The answer of course being emphatically yes. At present we are lobbying our Hawaii Congressional Delegation to submit to the Congress the changes that need to be made to this unconstitutional law. We who are the direct descendants of King Kamehameha the Great, his father Keoua and eldest brother Prince Kalokuokamaile are certain that once these changes have been implemented that we, along with the Hawaiian people will be able to more than adequately fulfill the remaining mandatory criteria for Federal acknowledgment.

It has always been our understanding that upon Statehood the 50th State would automatically inherit and enjoy equal protection under all existing federal laws. It must have been a gross oversight on the part of Congress and as well our State Congressional Delegates, of which both Senators are members of the Indian

Affairs Committee. No one wants to deny native Hawaiians their civil liberties any more or less than what has already been granted to native Indians or native Alaskans.

Furthermore, in reference to the 1993 Apology Bill passed by Congress and signed by the President, the authors of the Bill apologize only to the Native Hawaiians. What of the descendants of the heads of State? Namely the Kingdom of Hawaii's Legislative Body, Queen Liliuokalani and we who are her living descendants. Is not an apology of over one million acres of Crown Lands that were confiscated, the titles of which were never quieted, then redistributed to the State of Hawaii as Ceded Lands not warranted in this Apology Bill? Moreover, we are of the opinion that this Apology Bill in itself is Unconstitutional. In essence the President and Congress have admitted to gross violations of National and International Laws without penalty. Are we to believe that the President and Congress are above the law? Our only intent is to see that justice is served, and that the Civil Rights of our Hawaiian people are restored. The Hawaiian people have patiently waited for all these years, it is now time to address these issues to bring about a peaceful and equitable solution that everyone in the "Land of Aloha" can live with.

We request to present our groups views as stated above on the second day Dec. 11, 1999 at the East West Center. Please feel free to contact our offices should our request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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