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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Co-Chair The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Co-Chair Joint Senate-House Investigative Committee State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Subpoenaed Materials Submitted by the Bureau of Conveyances to the Joint Senate-House Investigative Committee on July 25, 2007

Dear Senator Tokuda and Representative Souki:

This letter is in response to your letter dated August 16, 2007.

Pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum served on the Bureau of Conveyances by the Office of the Attorney General, the names of employees of the Bureau and other individuals with access were provided to that office, in addition to subscriber information as part of their ongoing investigation.

Immediately prior to the Hearing of the Joint Senate-House Investigative Committee held on July 25, 2007, documents were returned by the Office of the Attorney General and were turned over to your committee with an understanding that no sensitive information was involved.

In the interest of maintaining the security of the computer systems currently operating at the Bureau of Conveyances, I am requesting that the names of the employees and individuals, along with their corresponding passwords, not be released for public viewing. As an added precaution, we have taken steps to have all passwords changed effective August 24, 2007.

Sincerely,

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c: Laura Thielen, Interim Chairperson