

Resolution 21-126 Testimony

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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW COMPANY

June 25, 2021

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council
City & County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: Resolution 21-126 – Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to Serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

Hearing Date: June 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for Resolution 21-126, appointing Mr. Pane Meatoga to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. As a Native Hawaiian and leader in the construction industry, Pane is deeply committed to ensuring adequate long term planning goals are met, and Honolulu achieves a sustainable future. His greatest asset is his ability to be collaborative, and to find common ground with all parties in a respectful manner, including those with whom he may disagree with.

Having spent several years in public service, both professionally and as an active community member and volunteer, Pane is well qualified substantively to serve on the Planning Commission.

Pane will be an asset to the Planning Commission and in achieving the board's mission. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support Resolution 21-126 and confirm Pane's appointment.

Mahalo,

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On a personal note, I have known Pane and his family for almost two decades. He has a deep commitment to community service, spending much of his time and energy serving in his neighborhood. Pane will indeed be an asset to the Planning Commission and in achieving the board's mission. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support Resolution 21-126 and confirm Pane's appointment.

Mahalo,

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please do not appoint Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-126
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Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please do not appoint Pane Meatoga III to the Planning Commission
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha,
The public trusts interests will not be served in Ko'olauloa, or on O'ahu, by yet another building industry lobbyist. I refer to the nominee Pane Meatoga, an Operating Engineers Union lobbyist.
The agricultural land we need for food production will be buried under housing instead of being cultivated or being pasture.
Ko'olauloa residents have made it clear since even before 2005 revisions of the Ko'olauloa 'Sustainable' Communities Plan (KLSCP or KSCP) began that stakeholders, O'ahu residents and millions of tourists want to Keep the Country Country in this moku of irreplaceable beauty, relief from city life, and recreation.
After all these years of having to fight to keep a new city out of Ko'olaulo, at Malaekahana, please do not now approve one of its proponents! For such a geographically large part of O'ahu, we citizen residents have very little representation. Kamehameha Highway's traffic is over-capacity much of the time and erosion is now taking it away in places besides. There is no plan for its future thru Ka'a'awa at this time. Just throwing big rocks on the shoreline now as it is falling in the sea. Ask Mr. Sniffen about the ferry idea...Stop developers/union lobbyists from being 'planners' now...
Important Agricultural Land should stay just that...

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I write in Strong Opposition to Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission, an important PUBLIC body "to advise the Mayor, Council, and Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting on planning programs; to hold public hearings and to make recommendations on revisions and amendments to the General Plan, Development Plans, and zoning ordinances."

Mr. Meatoga has a record of promoting and prioritizing private special interests he is connected to in favor of developments that have been adamantly opposed by our community of Koolauloa, and by doing so, has been undermining the long-held community values established in the region's sustainable communities plans and the Oahu General Plan. He is an active lobbyist and his appointment would represent a clear conflict of interest, and a violation of the public's trust.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item CR 196, Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I strongly oppose the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission. His ties to developers and trade unions create a conflict of interest and make him unsuitable to represent public interest fairly in rural communities.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH
Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on
the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am writing to strongly oppose Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Written Testimony I believe that the Planning Commission should reflect the broader needs and diversities of our communities and the environment, not the commercially-driven interests of large private developers.

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Keep the Public Public

June 30, 2021

Chair Waters and Honolulu City Council:

I write in Strong Opposition to CR-196, Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission, an important public body established under the Charter of the City and County of Honolulu “to advise the Mayor, Council, and Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting on planning programs; to hold public hearings and to make recommendations on revisions and amendments to the General Plan, Development Plans, and zoning ordinances.”

Over the past many years, Mr. Meatoga has promoted private interests over the public interest, prioritizing the tourist-focused commercial activities of Hawaii Reserves, Inc., Brigham Young University Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center rather than uplifting the long-held community values established in the region's sustainable communities plans and the Oahu General Plan.

Local families, kuleana landowners, community associations and the vast majority of area residents, have been crying out for decades for help in curtailing these developers' relentless and harmful pursuits.

Surely you are aware of the painful conflicts that have erupted around many of these struggles.

The appointment of Mr. Meatoga would only add fuel to a fire that many people in the region are working hard to extinguish.

Rather than put yet another advocate for special interests on a commission already comprised primarily, if not solely, of private industry representatives, it's time to nominate and approve candidates who reflect the broader public needs of our communities and the environment, those generating more constructive and harmonizing solutions toward a more just and equitable Oahu.

Please reject this appointment and support efforts to establish truly diverse advisory commissions and decision-making bodies that represent and serve the public interest.

Thank you,

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Keep the Country Country

From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

June 30, 2021

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126 – Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

Written
Testimony

My name is Amy Hennessey, and I support the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City & County of Honolulu. I have known the appointee for 20 years since we first met working in the travel industry. Since then, we have remained in touch over the years despite our careers taking us in different directions. Recently, we've collaborated on shared interests and issues, though we are sometimes on different sides. I've found him to be thoughtful, shrewd, and fair in his approach to our discussions. He's always willing to listen and try to find common ground. In my opinion, he is a lifelong learner who seeks to gain a deeper understanding to find the right path forward. I believe he will bring that same sense of fairness to his responsibilities as a Planning Commission member. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,
Amy Hennessey

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item CR 196, Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha, Mr. Meatoga history and actions here in the North Windward Coast are consistently pro-development and not with the interests and the needs of our Community no matter how many times he is informed of the needs and interests of our Community. Mr. Meatoga regularly supports the few with moneyed interests in our Community rather than our Community's interests and needs. Mr. Meatoga's actions on the Planning Commission can be expected to continue hurting our Community. Please act with the interests and needs of our Community in mind with your vote. Mahalo and Aloha

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item CR196 Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I oppose the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the planning commission. I believe that the Planning Commission should reflect the broader needs and diversities of the communities and the environment, not the commercially-driven interests of large private developers, such as those that have been central to Mr. Meatoga's work in Laie and the Koolauloa region for decades. Mr. Meatoga represents corporate developers, not the community. Please do not give him the opportunity to override the work that the Koolauloa residents have planned and worked for to preserve the community.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The pro-growth / development industry already has too much representation on the Planning Commission. All segments of the population should be fairly represented.

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June 25, 2021

TO: HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

RE: RESOLUTION 21-126: RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. PANE MEATOGA III TO
SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Aloha Honorable Chair Waters, Honorable Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **Strong Support of Resolution 21-126**, Relating to the Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have known Pane III for many years and have had the privilege of working with him in his capacity as the Community Liaison for the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. I have always been impressed with his ability to appraise a situation and offer recommendations and solutions, a skill that will be of considerable benefit to the Planning Commission. Having worked alongside Pane III on a multitude of issues, I can attest to his integrity, good moral character and strong work ethic. He puts in the time to thoroughly research all sides of an issue and is able to maintain grace and communicate well, even under the most stressful of situations. His knowledge of the intricacies involved regarding development and construction will be an asset to the Planning Commission as he can provide a viewpoint that is often overlooked.

Despite his busy work schedule and family responsibilities, Pane III is committed to public service and currently serves on the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board. He is also a member of the Laie Community Association. Pane III is very congenial and it is always a pleasure to work with him. His experience working with various government agencies and departments is invaluable and his commitment to serving the community is commendable. I strongly believe Pane Meatoga III will be an excellent addition to the Honolulu Planning Commission and humbly ask for your support and consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item CR-196 Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Organization
Ko'olau Waialua Alliance

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

As a grassroots network of residents and community groups across Oahu's north and windward shores that believes that our health and well-being are woven together in the same cloth, that problems affecting one community in the region threaten us all, we stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to Resolution 21-126 and the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

Written Testimony As seen in testimonies submitted during First (6/2/21) and Second (6/17/21) Readings of this resolution, Mr. Meatoga is known in the Ko'olauloa region as one who **PROMOTES** the tourist-focused commercial interests of large private Laie developers **TO THE DETRIMENT OF** the majority of local residents, culture, agricultural land, and the environment.

Mr. Meatoga has not only supported private corporate rather than public interests in several recent development controversies – from Hawaii Reserves Inc.'s schemes to expand the Community Growth Boundary in the KSCP to the massive industrial wind turbine facilities imposed on Kahuku to the troublesome new CLIMB Works Laie Zipline project – his work has contributed to tension and conflict in our communities, as well as helped to perpetuate the harmful charade that the “Laie Community Association” is an authentic public body rather than a privately-controlled organization.

We believe it is extremely important to establish a Planning Commission that reflects the broader needs and diversities of our

communities and the environment, one capable of generating more constructive and sustainable solutions to the vexing problems now confronting residents across Oahu.

Mr. Meatoga represents a dangerous step in the wrong direction.

Please oppose this appointment and support efforts to establish commissions and decision-making bodies that are representative of and truly serve the public interest.

Ko'olau Waialua Alliance

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item CR 196 Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council
City & County of Honolulu
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-126—Appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 30, 2021
10:00 A.M.
City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and Members of the Council.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes is strong support of Resolution 21-126, confirming the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Meatoga is deeply rooted in his community on the North Shore of Oahu and has served his community through church and community associations. His commitment to public service; patience and ability to understand and work with people from diverse backgrounds; and his commitment to make Oahu a better place for all residents renders him well suited to serve on the Planning Commission.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Meatoga's appointment to serve on the Planning Commission.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Oppose Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

With respect and appreciation for your roles as civil servants, I urge you to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Resolution 21-126. **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Mr. Pane Meatoga III to the 2021 Honolulu City & County Planning Commission.

The crux of the matter is there is a conflict of interest in appointing Mr. Meatoga, because he is pro-development amid **STRONG OPPOSITION** on the North Shore.

In addition, Mr. Meatoga has business ties to Climbworks Lā'ie LLC, Mr. Aaron Campbell, Hawaii Reserves Inc., Mr. Eric Beaver, the Lā'ie Community Association, and Mr. Kevin Schlag.

Written
Testimony

Remember Mr. Meatoga's pro-development connection to the aforementioned entities and individuals. They are currently amid litigation and pushing more development with Mr. Aaron Campbell. Mr. Campbell is responsible for the 2019 Kahuku Windmill conflict, and together they are reaching towards the Lā'ie mountains with proposed zip line projects. Their intentions to develop agricultural zoned land are very clear.

I urge **STRONG SUPPORT** of agricultural sustainability and political engagement. Furthermore, be alert, in regards to "Important Agricultural Land (IAL)" proposals and recommendations by the City & County of Honolulu on the North Shore. The potential for agricultural growth and sustainability is reachable. Appointment of Mr. Meatoga goes against the grain of agricultural growth and sustainability on the North Shore.

STRONGLY OPPOSE Resolution 21-126. **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Mr. Pane Meatoga III to the 2021 Honolulu City & County Planning Commission.



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Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Honolulu City Council

I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission.

I have known Pane for over 10 years. I have had the opportunity to work with him on various projects during his time at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Pane has carried himself with honesty and integrity. He is big on teamwork and collaboration. He is a listener and a lifelong learner who is willing to look at new ideas and approaches to solve issues.

I am confident that he will do well and be a great addition to the Planning Commission. I sincerely ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Mahalo,

Toni

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Zoning and Planning Committee:

I am submitting my personal testimony in support of the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to serve on the Planning Commission.

I began working with Pane 15 years ago on various projects during his time at the Polynesian Cultural Center during which I developed a deep respect for his high moral character. Pane carries himself with honesty and integrity and inspires collaborative teamwork. He is an active listener and a lifelong learner who embraces new ideas and approaches to implement solutions-based strategies.

I am confident that he will represent his community well and contribute greatly to the Planning Commission. I sincerely ask for your favorable consideration of his appointment.

Mahalo,

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

STRONGLY OPPOSE

Resolution 21-126
Relating to the appointment of Mr. Pane Meatoga III to serve on the
Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.
FOR ADOPTION

Related communications:
CC-231 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember
Elefante.

CC-233 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember
Cordero.

Written
Testimony CC-234 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember
Elefante.

CC-236 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember
Tupola.

CC-249 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember
Elefante.

Aloha Chair Waters & City Council members:

The City Council regularly approves nominations to various
commissions and boards. But we think that the City Council can
contribute much more to the overall good governance of basic

fairness, diversity, equity and inclusiveness through this process.

Once in a while, nominees trip themselves up and cause public uproar, causing a politically correct withdrawal.

In the case of Pane Meatoga III, the media has not picked up on this nomination. But, it's very obvious that yet another vacant seat is given to a building construction lobbyist. There should be a public outrage. But good decision-making should not be based on whether the media reports it or not.

The Planning Commission is NOT meant to be an group of elite and connected insiders. In this current mix, there is no healthy and diverse representation of Oahu's planning needs across the board.

The City Council can today dismiss and ignore the concerns of many residents who are asking for fairness, diversity, and wide representation on this Planning Commission and adopt nominee Meatoga to this seat.

Or the City Council can represent all of Oahu and be bold and independent by asking Mayor Blangiardi to submit other names for this position.

The record will easily show that appointing another construction union lobbyist reflects Status Quo and the "Oligarchy" protecting itself and simply doing business as usual.

Boards and Commissions are meant to provide the city additional independent grassroots layers in its decision-making for the public interest at large.

I hope the record will show that your vote diversity, fairness, and inclusiveness for the people of Oahu.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Resolution 21-126
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I am a long time resident of La'ie and I strongly oppose the appointment of Pane Meatoga III to the Honolulu Planning Commission.

In my opinion Mr. Meatoga has too many personal ties to the dominant LDS church entities (Hawaii Reserves Inc., Polynesian Cultural Center, BYUH) in our community which puts him in a bias position that tends to side in support of the types of development that goes against what the people in our community want and need. We urgently and seriously need to see less bias and more diverse candidates appointed to these crucial positions. One should distinctly qualify themselves by their actual examples of true leadership and not by who they know. Recommendations and nominations can and are made by people in high government positions but those are blatantly bias and in my opinion should not qualify a person for any position. Those who make the appointment should look closely at the candidates track record and consider that as a reflection of his capabilities to make solid unbiased decisions that will affect each and every community. I and many others in the community that Mr. Meatoga resides in are very concerned about his connections and where his loyalty lies. In Mr. Meatoga's previous statement, I believe he was sincere in his desire to continue his fathers legacy of community work and involvement. A fair question to ask Mr. Meatoga is why didn't he make an effort to apprise fellow Ko'olau Loa Neighborhood Board members of his (personal) knowledge of the zipline development proposal made by his neighbor and developer Aaron Campbell and the LDS real estate church division - Property Reserves Inc and Hawaii Reserves Inc? If he truly is someone that represents the concerns and interest of the people within his community, why would he choose to ignore sharing or creating a discussion with other board members? If he can't initiate community concerns on his own in an intimate setting with other board members how will he be able to conduct business in a bigger setting? Mr. Meatoga's father, the former president of the private (members only) Laie Community Association, single handedly wrote and submitted a letter of support for the zipline development without holding a meeting of consent with its members. The fact that this association is a private one, both the developer (Aaron Campbell) and the Department of Planning and Permitting acknowledged this letter as a representation of the "community." It

concerns me that Pane Meatoga III whom you are considering to appoint had knowledge of this but chose to not share as a concern.

I urge you to withhold the appointment of Pane Meatoga III. It is extremely alarming that people being recommended, nominated and placed in these positions are forgetting that every single decision made by all of you whether you listen to our concerns or not is going to have a lasting impression on the future of these islands. Please be mindful of the people you serve.

Testimony

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