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The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
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The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono
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Dear Senators Inouye and Akaka, and Representatives Abercrombie and Hirono:

I write to submit, with this letter, documents for your consideration: First, proposed amendments to the substitute amendment to S. 1011, as reported by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee to the full Senate on December 17, 2009 (which are identified in both a clean draft and a redlined version of the substitute amendment); and second, a document that sets forth each proposed amendment accompanied by a brief explanatory rationale for each proposed amendment.¹

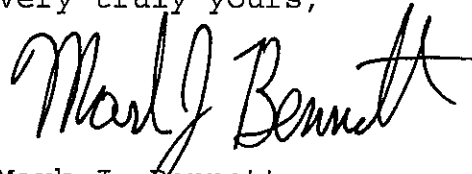
The proposals contained in the two documents originate either from the Attorney General or from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, but they represent a joint submittal to the delegation. Both offices stand ready to meet with you at any time to discuss the provisions we are proposing.

¹ I apologize for the formatting errors.

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
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The Lingle Administration and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs believe that bipartisan support for S. 1011 is desirable, important, and will, we hope, facilitate the passage of the substitute amendment in both houses of Congress. Governor Lingle and I remain committed to the recognition of a Native Hawaiian Governing Entity, and look forward to working with the delegation on a bill we can all support to achieve that goal.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark J. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "M" and "B".

Mark J. Bennett
Attorney General

cc: Governor Linda Lingle
Chairperson Haunani Apoliona, Office of Hawaiian Affairs