TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is my pleasure to write in support of Maui Tomorrow and their efforts on behalf of the people of Maui.

Through my work in Congress and more specifically, in the Committee on Natural Resources, I continually promote Federal actions and policies to protect Hawai‘i’s unique environment. Maui Tomorrow has been supportive of many of these issues by consistently urging county and state governments to consider the ramifications of their decisions on the current and future environmental integrity of Maui.

Maui Tomorrow’s board and membership have also accomplished goals that have had a direct impact on our environment, including the preservation of 90% of Makena Beach — Maui’s last major white sand beach untouched by development, the creation of the Maui Open Space Trust (MOST) with a $40,000 grant, inclusion of open space program goals in the 1990 Maui County General Plan revision, and preservation of 2.3 acres of Kapalua coastline.

Additionally, Maui Tomorrow’s programs to educate the public about their place and choices in the land use decision making process has resulted in greater community involvement and vision.

It is encouraging to know that Maui Tomorrow and its grassroots efforts directly or indirectly support my work in Washington. Increased funding and support of Maui Tomorrow’s projects will help to improve the responsiveness of government to the wishes of the community at large, and will more broadly empower citizens with a responsibility for their own future.

Very truly yours,

PATSY T. MINK
Member of Congress