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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Committee on Finance
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Aloha Chair Tokuda and Chair Luke,

As one of the founding members of the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative (SHYLI), I've been inspired by Trevor Tanaka's Sustainability Resolution. His hard work and dedication has far-reaching implications for all Hawaii's future students.

It is so important to have young people learn about sustainability on a very practical level. Thanks to the Sustainability Resolution Toolkit, ALL public school students in Hawaii will be able to learn in the classroom and then take it home to their families. This Toolkit will help mold young people's thinking early in their lives, so they make decisions for their health, our islands and our country.

I have been deeply influenced by SHYLI's programs - especially with life-changing experiences with Rep. Cindy Evans, Senators Brian Schatz and Maisie Hirono. Like Trevor, I too made a strategic contribution to my community. SHYLI also gave me the opportunity to expand my horizons and experience the world beyond Hawaii. This experience became vital and essential to my life and career path. When I went to the Institute's Summit on Martha's Vineyard, I first saw the Boston skyline. If it wasn't for SHYLI I wouldn't be graduating from Boston University next year.

I wholeheartedly support the SHYLI application for the GIA grant to fund the implementation of the Sustainability Resolution Toolkit.

Sincerely,

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