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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,

I enthusiastically support SHYLI's Education Toolkit of my fellow SHYLI youth leader Trevor Tanaka's Sustainability Resolution. Over the last years Trevor has inspired me to think bigger - and outside the box - to develop my own Sustainability Project on Renewable Energy.

Sustainable Education is urgently needed for all Hawaii public school students. This is the critical step we need to build a sustainable future for all Hawaiians. If we can inform, inspire and empower our young people to make improvements we can make big strides in Hawaii. As an island state, with our finite resources, it forces us all - demands that we learn to be sustainable. The Sustainable Education Toolkit will improve all of our communities.

I have personally been greatly influenced by SHYLI's amazing community of supporters - in business, government, education and non-profit organizations. With their support I have broadened my horizons, honed my career goals and given me the confidence to explore the world of becoming an environmental engineer.

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

Sincerely,

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