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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chair, Senate Special Committee on COVID-19  
and members  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and members:

RE: Oceanit Laboratories

Thank you for your letter regarding Oceanit Laboratories' Assure-19 test. We also have been in communication with Patrick Sullivan on this COVID-19 test and agree that it shows great promise as a tool to prevent the spread of the disease in our community.

We are especially interested in supporting a local effort to manufacture the test in Hawai'i and are closely monitoring the clinical trials and the progress of this application for approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

It is possible that CARES funds could be applied to support the project. We are reviewing the restrictions and requirements of various options, including a loan, a grant, or a contract for goods or services, along with the liabilities of each.

We appreciate your advising us of your support for this project and will keep you informed of developments as we continue our consideration.

Sincerely,

David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

c: Senate President Kouchi