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**SUPPORT**

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
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HB 2116

Aloha Kakou,

The Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe strongly supports HB 2116. The Hawaiian Homestead Act was originally setup to require those with 100% Hawaiian blood as qualified lessees until it was changed by then Congressman Jonah Kuhio. The intent of the 100% blood quantum was to secure lands away from the Hawaiian people once there are no longer beneficiaries with 100% blood.

Congress agreed to a compromise of 50 % blood quantum knowing that eventually there would no longer be those who qualify. This wedge has divided the Hawaiian people since its inception and those walls need to be torn down. This bill will help to tear down the wall of the haves and have nots.

Pass this bill because it is the right thing to do.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Kale Gumapac  
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