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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
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The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
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Re: Request to Withdraw Dept. Communication 148

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki,

I am reaching out to address a critical matter concerning the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) report on SCR 48, SD1 (Dept. Communication 148). While it is not customary to withdraw departmental reports once they have been made public and posted online, we believe the circumstances surrounding Dept. Communication 148 warrants an exception as the report inadvertently included confidential information that was not authorized for public disclosure. Our second report, labeled Dept. Communication 315, which had redacted the confidential information has already been submitted to House and Senate Clerks and posted online for review.

The Department therefore requests that Dept. Communication 148 be immediately removed from the legislative website. Your prompt attention to this matter is critical, and we appreciate your cooperation in approving our request to take the necessary steps for withdrawal.

Please contact me at (808) 586-2850 should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

NADINE Y. ANDO
Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs