



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 21, 2020

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Ige,

RE: Call for immediate closure of Molokai and Lanai Airports to non-essential travel

With the growing number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the state, I am very concerned for the rural isolated communities on the islands of Molokai and Lanai. As of today, these are the only two islands that do not have confirmed cases and it needs to remain that way. Both Molokai and Lanai have limited resources, especially when it comes to medical services. These resources and services are being threatened each day as planes, commercial and private, are still arriving to MKK and LNY bringing tourists.

I am asking for the immediate closure of Molokai Airport (MKK) and Lana'i Airport (LNY) to any non-essential travel. If travelers, even local residents, do arrive at these airports they need to be under mandatory quarantine monitored by the State, not "self-quarantine".

As I mentioned in my two previous letters to you, dated March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, this is not only an issue of health, but a public safety issue as well.

Our communities need protection now! If you truly want to "stop the spread" then you will put these protections in place. I am asking for your help in **protecting our constituents.**

Please let me know how we can work together to make this happen immediately. Due to your directive earlier this week, my staff and I are working remotely, but I can still be reached on the office phone (808) 586-6790.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn DeCoite".

Lynn DeCoite
State House of Representative
District 13