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Dear Eric and Local 5 members at Kaiser,

Thank you for your hard work.

Your dedication to serving the health care needs of the people of Hawai'i and your tireless efforts to provide good quality patient care for our community have not gone unnoticed. Through your hard work and commitment, you have helped to ensure Kaiser Permanente's success even in this difficult economy.

I was surprised to learn from you that workers in Hawai'i have endured treatment disparate from your colleagues in the rest of the country. I agree with you that you deserve the same respect, the same standards, and the same benefits as your colleagues on the mainland. Your work is just as valuable in Hawai'i as work elsewhere, and you deserve to be treated fairly and equitably.

Up until now, your ability as Local 5 union members to secure reasonable and fair working conditions, a livable wage, and affordable medical benefits have enabled you to give enough time and attention to your families that have helped make our island communities strong. As a proud resident of Hawai'i and a strong supporter of Local 5, I want to see this tradition continue.

I wish you success in obtaining a fair and equitable contract in your ongoing negotiations with Kaiser Permanente and urge Kaiser to work toward those results as well. Fair treatment of our workers, which includes keeping jobs in Hawai'i, will help our families and strengthen our economy.

Aloha,

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