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Dear Matthew Blevins:

Attached is a pdf file of Senator Sakamoto's testimony on the NRC's February 1 hearing on the Paina Irradiator. You should be receiving a hard copy of his testimony shortly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Robert Arakaki  
Researcher for  
Senator Norman Sakamoto  
Senate Committee on Education  
Hawaii State Senate, 15th District

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Dear Sir:

RE: DOCKET NO. 030-36974

Attached is a testimony that we will be submitting on the proposed Pa`ina Hawaii, LLC Irradiator in Honolulu, Hawaii for the public meeting to be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on February 1, 2007.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
Hawaii State Senate, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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## TESTIMONY

February 1, 2007  
Concerning the Proposed Pa`ina Hawaii LLC Irradiator  
In Honolulu, Hawaii  
[Docket No. 030-36974]

TO: Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
FROM: State Senator Norman Sakamoto  
Hawaii State Senate, 15<sup>th</sup> District

The proposed Pa`ina Irradiator is situated on the very edge of the Honolulu International Airport, next to one of the main runways. While there will be benefits to the State's economy, the risks will be far greater.

There has been much concern raised about the possibility of radioactive contamination whether from natural catastrophes, human error, or terrorist attacks. Despite our requests for information on plans for dealing with such disasters from various state agencies, we have received unsatisfactory responses from them. In a letter dated May 22, 2006 Brian Sekiguchi, Deputy Director-Airports of the Department of Transportation, informed us that the information was not available for release. In a June 1, 2006 letter, the Department of Health provided us information about evacuations, but nothing further. Given the proximity of the proposed irradiator to the Honolulu International Airport, any incident at the irradiator facility could result not only in the endangerment of human lives, but also seriously impair operations at the airport. Even a minor incident could result in serious consequences devastating to our local economy. **Therefore, we cannot support the proposed Pa`ina Hawaii, LLC, Underwater Irradiator application.**