



July 14, 2010

The Colleen Hanabusa
President
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Hanabusa:

I am writing to inform you of my intent to resign my seat in the State Senate on July 16, 2010 and to file for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

It has been a pleasure to have served in the legislature for the past 28 years. Throughout my career, I have served in various capacities which include Chair of the House Committees on Health, Ocean Resources, and Consumer Protection & Commerce. I was the sole legislative member of the Governor's Task Force on Educational Governance and in the Senate, I served as Chair of the Committee on Housing and Co-Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and Housing. I was fortunate to have served as President of the Senate for six years, a seat which you yourself may be leaving in your own pursuit of higher office. I wish you all the best. I would like to also express my appreciation for the courtesies you have extended to me and my staff during your tenure as President.

I will definitely miss the people who I have served with over the years. However, and more importantly, I will miss all the people who serve the legislature as staff. They are truly are the backbone of the legislative branch, who give of themselves selflessly and with passion to the cause of serving the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Robert Bunda
Senate President Emeritus

c: Senate Clerk