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Mr. Joshua Uyehara
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Dear Mr. Uyehara:

At their meeting on March 16, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC") re-considered and approved authorization for the Kekaha Agriculture Association ("KAA") to pursue a declaratory order to designate a portion of ADC Kekaha lands as Important Agricultural Lands in accordance with Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and to certify ADC's authorization as the landowner of lands set aside for control and management of ADC via Executive Order No. 4007, rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Specifically, the Board:

1. Reauthorized the KAA to pursue a declaratory order to designate up to 12,123 acres of ADC's Kekaha lands as Important Agricultural Lands in accordance with Chapter 205, HRS; and
2. Consented and certified, on behalf of the State of Hawaii as the landowner authorized by Executive Order no. 4007, ADC's approval and support of KAA's Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands under Docket No. DR 21-76; and
3. Authorized the ADC staff to assist and cooperate with KAA as necessary to secure the designation of the Mana plain lands as important agricultural lands

My staff and I look forward to KAA's success in this regard. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lyle Roe at (808) 622-6696 or at lyle.t.roe@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

James. J. Nakatani
Executive Director

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