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**Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
State Capitol District  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

Dear Friends:

I regret very much that I am unable to join you personally for the first Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Groundbreaking. Unfortunately, my legislative duties require me to be in Washington at this time.

There are 61 fallen officers who wore city, county, state, federal and military uniforms in Hawaii. They all abided by a universal code to protect and defend. They all stood in harm's way and gave their lives in the line of duty. We owe it to their families to remember their supreme sacrifice which allows us to live safely and productively in our beloved Hawaii. We must never forget.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to ensure a fitting memorial and tribute to Hawaii's law enforcement heroes. This project will carry forward as many hands come together to design, to build and to maintain this memorial in the true spirit of Ikaika. Today, we take another step toward completing this very special project. I look forward to joining you, in the not too distant future, at the grand opening.

Again, I wish you all a successful celebration as we build a memorial to honor our fallen heroes, and to celebrate brave warriors who stand in harm's way each and every day. I thank you for your service. Godspeed to all.

Aloha,



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