



May 6, 2013

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

Over the past several months we have exchanged letters and had a discussion regarding the possible shutdown of the Tesoro refinery in Kapolei. In February you announced plans to convene a task force to examine the impact of the refinery closure. It is my understanding that the task force that you have convened to examine the impact of the closure has started its work.


Currently your refinery task force is charged with assessing the impacts of changes in Hawaii's refining capacity and providing advice and recommendations on matters involving future fuel ecosystems. The task force is currently not charged with examining unnecessary barriers to the sale of the refinery or strategies for addressing those concerns. The task force also does not include a representative of the United Steelworkers, the union that represents the workers at the refinery.

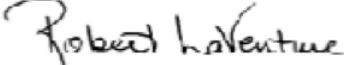
On May 1 the Hawaii State Legislature adopted Concurrent Resolution HCR 99 SD 1 urging you to add a representative of the United Steelworkers to your task force and expand the scope of your task force to examine additional issues including possibilities for saving the refinery. A copy of that resolution is attached to this letter.

The United Steelworkers remains committed to working with officials at the local, state, and federal level as well as with Tesoro to find a qualified buyer to operate the refinery. We strongly urge you to comply with the request of the State Legislature and include a representative of the United Steelworkers on this task force and to expand the scope of the task force.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your timely and positive response.

Sincerely,


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Robert LaVenture
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