
Re: HICOP (HAWAII ISLAND COALITION MALAMA PONO) ASKS YOU TO PLEASE ADVOCATE FOR THE HAWAII ISLAND OFFSHORE HELICOPTER ROUTE (HIOHR)

From : Ohara, Eileen <Eileen.Ohara@hawaiicounty.gov> Tue, Jul 04, 2017 01:11 PM
Subject : Re: HICOP (HAWAII ISLAND COALITION MALAMA PONO) ASKS YOU TO PLEASE ADVOCATE FOR THE HAWAII ISLAND OFFSHORE HELICOPTER ROUTE (HIOHR)
To : Robert Ernst <rce1@isp.com>

Bob,
I emailed Gabbard, Hirono and Schatz with letters or copies of the letter in email. Wouldn't let me email Hanabusa as it asks for your zipcode first and we're not in her district.
Eileen

From: Robert Ernst <rce1@isp.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 9:09 PM
To: Poindexter, Valerie; Chung, Aaron; Lee Loy, Sue; Ohara, Eileen; Ruggles, Jennifer; David, Maile; Kanuha, Dru; Eoff, Karen; Richards, Tim
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HICoP asks you to PLEASE ADVOCATE FOR THE HAWAII ISLAND OFFSHORE HELICOPTER ROUTE (HIOHR) by writing the Hawaii Island Congressional Delegation and asking them to request the FAA to implement an offshore helicopter route as the FAA has done on another island, for the sole purpose of "reducing helicopter overflights and attendant noise disturbance over nearby communities".

Aloha Hawaii Island County Council Members Valerie, Aaron, Sue, Eileen, Jen, Maile, Dru, Karen and Tim,

As you all well know for far too long your constituents have had their quality of life and serenity impacted by incessant near constant tour helicopter noise. They have lost the use and enjoyment of their properties due to the recurring tour helicopter noise nuisance. For 30 - 40 years or more your constituents have complained about this helicopter noise nuisance.

Through out the years many have attempted to right this wrong but it just continues with 15,489 overflights reported in 2016 for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the most by far of any individual National Park in the Nation. That is 30,978 in and out overflights which is almost 85 average overflights per day. There are many other tour helicopter operations daily over Hawaii Island that are not included in that number.

HICoP has met with the tour helicopter operators many times. We showed them extensive video coverage of their helicopters flying over our homes with the attendant unbearable noise and we specifically told the operators how their continuing noise nuisance impacts our daily lives. The tour helicopter operators know full well how their overflights degrade our quality of life. HICoP has asked the helicopter operators to voluntarily utilize the offshore route. It is