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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Our church, Ewa Beach United Methodist Church, operates a food bank, called Loaves and Fishes, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. On the mornings that our food bank is open, we also serve breakfast. We serve primarily the homeless and less fortunate people in our community. In the calendar year 2014, we served 6,960 people. We purchase the food we distribute from the Hawaii Food Bank. We are aided in our efforts by Aloha Harvest who distribute food donated by restaurants and other food service outlets to us at no cost. If it were not for the efforts of Aloha Harvest, our clients would receive considerably less food.

Because our food bank is supported by a special offering taken once a month in our church, we are somewhat limited in the amount of food we can purchase. If for any reason Aloha Harvest were not able to distribute food to us, our clients would truly feel the results.

We are blessed to be in partnership with Aloha Harvest. Their office staff and drivers are always professional. Their trucks are always clean, and that is a big plus when you are dealing with food. When Aloha Harvest delivers food that Starbucks and Kentucky Fried Chicken have donated, it is a real treat for our clients who cannot afford to patronize those places. And it is already cooked, so no cooking is necessary before they can enjoy it.

Feeding the homeless and less fortunate people in our community is a very big job which we try to do on a very limited budget and Aloha Harvest makes it easier for us to do. We support Aloha Harvest and the work they do 1,000%. If they were not able to continue their work, our community would certainly feel it. Please, honor their request for this grant.

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