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GM 795 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONATHAN DEENIK, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of GM 795 which is recommending Dr. Jonathan Deenik to be appointed to the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force.

Dr. Deenik is a faculty member in the Tropical Plant and Soil Science Department in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is an Extension Specialist with responsibilities in instruction and research. In addition, Dr. Deenik is the chair of his department. Dr. Deenik is an expert in soil management with an expertise in maintaining and improving soil health. Soil carbon sequestration is a key component of soil health. His expertise is recognized both within Hawai'i, within the United States and throughout the scientific community.

Dr. Deenik would be an excellent member of the Task Force and provide a necessary expertise that will help the group and the state of Hawai'i.

We strongly support this nomination as defined in GM 795.