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Admiral Charles W. Ray
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Dear Admiral Ray:

On behalf of the Office of Chief Counsel, my litigation staff and the Honolulu Field Counsel, I want to express my sincere "Mahalo" for the tireless efforts of Mr. E.B. Lawson, your outstanding Webmaster and Video Teleconference (VTC) Facilitator.

When Transportation Security Administration (TSA) desperately needed VTC facilities and technical assistance, our sister service, the Honolulu Office of the Coast Guard, came through with flying colors. You and your staff graciously volunteered your equipment, courtroom, and most importantly the services of Mr. Lawson. He was a key and essential ingredient in our ability to litigate two Merit System Protection Board hearings over five continuous days connecting three different venues. If this technical feat was not enough, he escorted the hearings from 0700 in the morning until late in the evening all five nights during the week. We could never have done this without Mr. Lawson. Moreover, his Aloha spirit never wavered.

Again thanks to your office and E.B. Lawson for a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine J. Kerner".

Francine J. Kerner
Chief Counsel