

December 19, 2012

The Honorable Daniel Akaka
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management,
the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia
601 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Akaka:

On behalf of the more than 200,000 managers and supervisors of the federal government represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I write to express our sincere appreciation, respect and gratitude for your tireless efforts on behalf of the state of Hawaii and our nation. Throughout your illustrious career, in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, you have been and staunch advocate and defender of federal managers and we will miss your vocal and reliable leadership in the 113th Congress.

It is well known that one of your legislative goals was to make the federal government the country's employer of choice. Your distinguished career is marked by many significant legislative accomplishments and efforts that have gone a long way towards achieving that goal.

FMA's many members in Hawaii are deeply appreciative of your efforts to achieve fairness and equity by protecting their retirement benefits and promoting locality pay. As the first U.S. Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry, your dedication and commitment to the Aloha State is unquestioned. Nationally, your leadership on issues such as whistleblower protection, Hatch Act reform, hiring reform, and training and mentorship programs leaves a tremendous and distinguished legacy for generations of federal managers and all in public service.

The Federal Managers Association is proud to honor and recognize your many years of selfless service to public employees and the country. We extend our best wishes in your retirement.

Mahaolo and Hau'oli lā Ho'omaha loa,



Patricia J. Niehaus
National President