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Attn: Michael Marinelli, Esq. 999 E. Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

RE: Green Party of the United States Advisory Opinion Request 2001-13

Dear Mr. Marinelli,

The purpose of this letter is to state the official position of the Green Party of Hawai'i regarding the Advisory Opinion Request (AOR) by the Green Party of the United States to be recognized as the National Committee of the Green Party.

The "Green Party of Hawai'i" has been an official recognition party by the State of Hawai'i since May of 1992. We have had candidates listed on the ballot since 1992, and have elected members of the Hawai'i Island County Council.

The Green Party of Hawai'i is affiliated with the Green Party of the United States, and was one of the founding members of its predecessor, the Association of State Green Parties.

It has also been brought to our attention that the membership/activist organization known as the Greens/Green Party USA has been claiming it represents us. According to one document passed on to us, GPUSA claims --

"Greens/GPUSA (G/GPUSA) had been granted national party status by the FEC in 1996 and continues to run candidates across the United States under the banner of "the Green Party"

Although a few individuals have held individual memberships in G/GPUSA in its earlier years, the Green Party of Hawai'i, since its founding in 1992, has never been affiliated with the G/GPUSA organization. In fact, at our State Annual Meetings in 1992 and later on, the GPH membership choose overwhelmingly NOT to affiliate with GPUSA, and instead to join the Association of State Green Parties, or its earlier predecessor.

We have had NO involvement with G/GPUSA's various meetings, decision-making, and policy pronouncements. Nor has any candidate running for office in Hawai'i received any assistance from G/GPUSA. It is a gross misrepresentation by whomever now claims to represents the G/GPUSA group that THEY "continue to run candidates across the U.S." This small clique in no way speaks for the GPH. And from what we can tell, many other Greens as well.

In sum, the Green Party of Hawai'i strongly supports the AOR being made by the "Green Party of the United States" that they are the proper national organization to represent the Green Party electoral movement in the U.S.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ira Rohter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "I" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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