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Dear Mr. Furukawa:

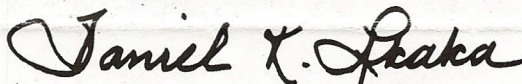
Thank you for contacting me regarding "Public Talks," a new form of international dialogue for conflict resolution.

As you know, the Institute for Public Dialogue has created a new foreign policy idea to engage the international community in Public Talks. The Talks could provide an alternative solution for political conflicts and substantial economic issues after formal negotiations have collapsed. The communications process for Public Talks revolves around a series of "Challenge Documents" which are presented globally and state each party's interpretation of its history, contain questions to one's adversary, negotiating positions and other content inherent to global conflicts. Subsequent Challenge Documents may follow in a continued process to influence international opinion towards a certain party perspective.

I have long supported the efforts for the peaceful resolution on conflict. The idea of Public Talks is intriguing and warrants further discussion. Rest assured I will keep your thoughts in mind should the Senate consider legislation related to this issue.

Once again, mahalo for contacting me.

Aloha pumehana,



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U.S. Senator