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*Current Date, 2023*

President Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We are members of the [*church or faith group*]. We write as people of faith who are concerned about the water crisis at Red Hill Naval Bulk Fuel Storage Facility on the island of O‘ahu. We are asking for four things that will reassure the community and mitigate the risk for hundreds of thousands of people living on the island of O‘ahu who depend on the pristine aquifer located just under Red Hill. The Navy has been ordered to decommission the tanks on Red Hill, but their timeline for doing so is too slow and with little transparency.

We ask the following:

1. The U.S. Navy to immediately bring on and install 10 civilian members on the Joint Task Force-Red Hill, all 10 selected by the Shut Down Red Hill Coalition, which is a coalition of health impacted families, Native Hawaiians, environmental organizations, and community members.
2. The U.S. Navy to immediately release the video they have, to the public, of the November 29, 2022 fire-suppression foam leak.
3. While working on their current plan that does not call for any fuel to come out of any tanks until 2024, hire an independent engineering firm, selected and overseen by the Department of Health and the Joint Task Force-Red Hill and not by the US Navy, to figure out how to drain the tanks from their tops, safely and without having to repair the entire facility which is the US Navy’s current plan.
4. The U.S. Navy to immediately declare the defueling of the Red Hill Fuel Facility Mission Critical and an Emergency.

We thank you for the order last March to close and decommission the Red Hill Naval Facility and are now asking that you help reduce the risk of more permanent damage to this pristine water source that serves the majority of the water on O‘ahu. The mission of the Navy is

to protect America. Unless the Navy starts dealing with this emergency with more haste and transparency it is failing in this mission. Our land and our people face a huge risk until Red Hill is fully closed.

Caring for the land and water around us is part of our human sacred trust. So is caring for each other—love of God, love of neighbor. As people of faith we urge you to press for a faster and more transparent process.

Sincerely,

*Names of those eager to sign on to this letter*