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Dear Mr. Briggs:

Thank you for your letter requesting that funds be appropriated for the acquisition of land in Hawaii for seabird protection.

The Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment appreciates the uniqueness of the wildlife in Hawaii. In its recommendations to the Appropriations Committee, the Subcommittee asked that \$4,000,000 be provided for the acquisition of land in Hawaii for the protection of forest birds. It is the judgement of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that, with the limited funds that are likely to be made available for land acquisition, the parcel needed to protect forest birds was of a higher priority at this time. I am hopeful that in the future, adequate funds will be available so that the Subcommittee can recommend that the land needed for the protection of Hawaiian seabirds be acquired as well.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write and share your views with me.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
Gerry E. Studts  
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