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In 2009, I visited Midway Atoll with a group of Native Hawaiian leaders and others to learn about the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. In Hawaii, we know that preservation and conservation of our land and marine environment are key to protecting our future. Our current conversation about whether to expand Papahānaumokuākea should be both transparent and inclusive of community input. I look forward to continuing to work with you – the Hawaii community – and the Obama administration to foster a productive conversation, on the need to balance protecting our environment and issues including food security and sustainability. If you would like to write to me to share your views on the proposed expansion, visit: <https://www.hirono.senate.gov/contact>

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Joni Kamiya Thank you seeking community input on the expansion of this monument. Fishing is an important to not only the Hawaiian culture but also to those who only know Hawaii as home. We cannot afford to lose an important resource to all the people



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