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To whom it may concern:

The Minnesota Zoological Gardens facilities, methods of care, feeding, and maintenance of our animal collection exceed the standards established under the Animal Welfare act and are more than adequate to continue the care of the two Hawaiian Monk Seals currently housed here.

Our staff have a long tenure here and extensive experience caring for marine mammals. We have one full time veterinarian and an open position to employ another full time veterinarian. The veterinarian is here 5-6 days per week and on-call the remaining day(s).

We have an onsite laboratory with the capabilities for hematology, blood serum chemistries, and water analysis. The hospital also contains a pharmacy and has endoscopy, radiology, ultrasound, and surgery capabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesanna Lahner".

Lesanna Lahner DVM, MPH
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Minnesota Zoological Gardens