

Dear

I am writing with regards to the John Doe lawsuit citing racism against the Kamehameha Schools of Hawaii. The lawsuit attacks the Kamehameha Schools' Hawaiian preference admissions policy as racial discrimination.

Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a direct descendant of King Kamehameha, who united the Hawaiian Islands, founded Kamehameha Schools in 1883. At the time, Hawaii was a sovereign nation, called The Kingdom of Hawaii. Colonization however brought about the near demise of the Hawaiian people. This historical trauma is the root cause of negative statistics for Hawaiian people today, including highest rates of incarceration, lowest standardized test scores, high drop out rates, disease, obesity, homelessness, and employment discrimination.

Witnessing the negative impact that colonization and businesses had upon the Native Hawaiian people Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop founded the school to provide an educational foundation for children of Native Hawaiian ancestry. Hawaiian children are now under the threat of having this foundational education taken away. At a time when billions of dollars are spent on programs to supposedly leave no children behind, this private institution, which receives no public funds, is being threatened for attempting to ensure that Hawaiian children are not left behind.

Within the next few months, a determination will be made by the 9th Circuit Court in San Francisco. As such I am writing to seek your support for maintaining the Kamehameha Schools as a school to benefit children of Hawaiian ancestry. Let us not force these children to relive injustices of the past. Let us make sure that the children of Hawaiian ancestry are not left behind!

Sincerely,