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Bay Clinic Honored by Senator Hirono’s Support for Hawaii’s Community Health Centers

HILO, HAWAI’I, March 16, 2018 — The federal debate regarding the 2018 fiscal budget and the government shutdown on January 20, 2018 for almost three days impacted the federal Community Health Center and Children’s Health Insurance programs. Senator Mazie Hirono, who has been a strong supporter of Community Health Centers, demonstrated her concern by donating 100 percent of her pay during the government shutdown to Hawaii’s Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

“Senator Hirono has long been a staunch advocate for FQHCs, both at home and in Washington, and we were humbled by her donation and commitment,” said Harold Wallace, Bay Clinic CEO. “Her work to ensure that everyone has access to quality and affordable healthcare is critical to the overall health and welfare of our Hawaii community and we will work to support her efforts however we can.”

Senator Hirono’s salary during the federal government shutdown was divided equally among the fourteen FQHC’s across the state, which included Bay Clinic, as well as the Community Clinic of Maui, Hamakua Health Center, Hana Community Health Center, Hoola Lahui Hawaii, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Koolauloa Community Health and Wellness Center, Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, Lanai Community Health Center, Molokai Ohana Health Care, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waikiki Health, Waimanalo Health Center, and West Hawaii Community Health Center.

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Bay Clinic, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center with 180 employees in 9 sites. Serving over 22,000 patients, Bay Clinic is a community-directed healthcare organization that provides quality primary and preventive care services to the people of East Hawaii. Bay Clinic will ensure that patient-centered, culturally responsive, and affordable healthcare services are locally accessible in our communities. Learn more about Bay Clinic, Inc. at www.bayclinic.org.

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