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Dear Gateway:

What a GREAT week in Hawaii!!! Our students, administrator, chaperones, Pearl Harbor survivor and the directors all had a wonderful time. Thank you for coordinating the smoothest, most educational and most fun music trip we have ever taken!

The FAM trip last year was very helpful. As soon as we met Angie and Marcy, we knew we would be in good hands. As we got closer to the actual trip, Lauren did an amazing job of keeping me informed and organized. She was never too busy to answer my emails and to help me stay on top of the tasks at hand.

Once in Hawaii, our tour manager, Tammy Jo, was amazing. She was calm and organized. I can be pretty uptight about details, but by the middle of the week, I was so confident in her abilities that I just relaxed and enjoyed the trip. Pate, our local guide was also extremely helpful and fun. The students related to him and still clap and cheer when his name is mentioned.

I have personally never enjoyed a tour more – and that includes trips I have taken without students. As we were leaving the airport for home, our chaperones asked when we could take another trip. That says it all!

Thanks again, Gateway staff – especially Lauren and Tammy Jo – for making our trip to Hawaii memorable and amazing. I look forward to the next time we travel with your company.

Sincerely,

Jamie Baker, Director La Quinta High School Instrumental Music Dept.