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July 19, 2024

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Bissen:

SUBJECT: FIRE PREVENTION (DRIP-2(10))

May I please request your expeditious response to the attached correspondence dated June 27, 2024, relating to a collaborative approach on fire prevention for the County, generally, and your input on a potential Budget amendment to mitigate fire hazards on County-owned lands. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the devastating August 2023 wildfires on Maui Island, I am eager to find new ways to safeguard our County from future fire risks.

May I further request a written response by **August 2, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us and include "DRIP-2(10)" in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Paige Greco at ext. 7660, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara A.M. Paltin".

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs,
and Planning Committee

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Attachment

cc: Managing Director
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June 27, 2024

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Bissen:

SUBJECT: **FIRE PREVENTION** (DRIP-2(10))

The Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee met on June 17, 2024, to discuss fire prevention and the idea of amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to establish a fund, potentially within the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, to mitigate fire hazards such as overgrown brush or abandoned vehicles on County-owned lands.

May I please request that we collaborate on this topic. May I further request your input on the potential Budget amendment and other steps the County can take to mitigate fire hazards generally.

May I further request a written response by **July 12, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us and include "DRIP-2(10)" in the subject line of your response.

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Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tamara A.M. Paltin in black ink.

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
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