

# HFC Committee

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**To:** HFC Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony for Healthy Families and Communities Committee meeting 1.9.2020  
**Attachments:** MCA Testimony for HFC 1.9.2020.pdf

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Maui County Council Healthy Families and Communities Committee  
Council Chamber  
Kalana o Maui Bldg., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Testimony to Council regarding feral cat and chicken problem on Maui.

Aloha mai kākou,

On behalf of the Maui Conservation Alliance (MCA), we would like to voice our support for strong policies to eliminate feral cat and feral chicken populations on public lands. As organizations that work to protect native Hawaiian species and restore healthy forests and watersheds, MCA has concerns for the severe negative effects on native resources (birds, plants, and ecosystems) by free ranging cats, chickens, axis deer, and other non-native animals.

The MCA is a cooperative partnership of more than thirteen government, private and non-profit organizations who are the key leaders in the management of Maui's native ecosystems. MCA is committed to accelerating conservation management on Maui's highest priority conservation needs.

Me ka mahalo nunui,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara Sherrill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamara Sherrill, Secretary  
for Steve Robertson, Chair

Principal Members:

Auwahi Forest Restoration Project; County of Maui Office of Economic Development; East Maui Watershed Partnership; Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership; Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project; Maui Invasive Species Committee; Maui Nui Botanical Gardens; Mauna Kahālawai Mountains Watershed Partnership; National Park Service Haleakalā National Park; Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve; State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources; The Nature Conservancy; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.