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June 22, 2023

Mr. Kekuhaupio Akana, Managing Director
Department of Management
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Akana:

SUBJECT: GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX SURCHARGE
(BFED-74)

At its meeting of June 20, 2023, the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee discussed Bill 49 (2023) to add a new chapter to Title 3, Maui County Code, establishing a general excise tax fund to serve as the exclusive depository of all funds received from the State Director of Taxation.

According to the Director of Finance, if Bill 49 is enacted on or before July 31, 2023, the Administration would need to transmit to the Council an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to recognize the estimated revenue from the general excise and use tax surcharge.

May I please request your response to the following:

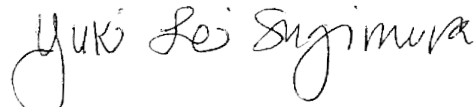
1. Will the Council have an opportunity to propose potential uses for the revenue?
2. Does the Administration have a plan to use the revenue for potential projects over the next six fiscal years? If so, please provide a copy of the plan.
 - a. Please describe the rationale for the projects chosen in the plan, including how the Administration is ensuring equitable use of the revenue for projects countywide.

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May I further request you transmit a written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **June 26, 2023**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y".

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.