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Honorable Michael P. Victorino
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal To:

Council Chair Alice Lee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

The Maui Police Department is requesting the introduction of a Bill for an Ordinance Relating to Air and Replica Guns.

The Maui Police Department has seen a rise in the use of air and replica guns in the commission of crimes. These air and replica guns resemble actual firearms, with no safety markings whatsoever. People are committing crimes while utilizing these air and replica guns with the intent of the victim believing they are real firearms.

At this time of writing, there are no repercussions (State or County) for anyone possessing these air and replica guns, especially in the commission of a criminal act. The County of Maui Prosecuting Attorney's Office is in alliance with us and agree there is the need for an ordinance to regulate these air and replica guns. Therefore, the Maui Police Department humbly requests the introduction of this Bill for an Ordinance so that these violators may be held accountable for unlawful possession of an air or replica gun.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call Sergeant Grant Nakamura of the Crime Reduction Unit at (808) 270-6577.

Sincerely,

Deputy Chief of Police

for JOHN PELLETIER
Chief of Police