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November 29, 2023

Mr. Scott Teruya, Director
Department of Finance
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Teruya:

**SUBJECT: REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR
PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS
OR WILDFIRES (BFED-35)**

The Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee recently recommended Bill 95, CD1 (2023), be passed on first reading. Bill 95, CD1's purposes are to: 1) provide real property tax relief to those affected by the wildfires, and 2) introduce a tax exemption for properties housing an individual or individuals displaced by the wildfires for at least six months but less than twelve months.

May I please request a response to the following:

1. How are property owners being notified of the available programs and benefits for housing displaced individuals or families currently and in the future?
 - a. Identify the forms of media, such as mailers, being used to relay the information.
 - b. Is the information being sent to property owners for all real property tax classifications, including Apartment and Non-owner-occupied properties?

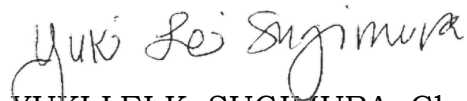
May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **December 13, 2023**. To ensure efficient

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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,



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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.