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Honorable Elle Cochran, Chair  
Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Cochran:

**Subject: Moratorium on Sand Mining of Central Maui Inland Sand;**

I am writing in response to this proposed moratorium on sand mining in the Central Maui inland area. I represent 65 employees of Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc., of which 14 live and work on Maui. We are **opposed** to this subject moratorium for the following reasons:

1. **It will impact Maui County's ability to repair damaged/inadequate infrastructure.** Sand is a critical component in the repair of roadway, drainage, sewer, water, and electrical systems. Repairs cannot be done where sand may be needed to be exported from inland Central Maui areas to the construction site. By creating this moratorium, it would prohibit Maui County from making necessary repairs and would create safety issues to our infrastructure. This effect would thus endanger the public.
2. **It will undermine the local construction industry.** By creating this moratorium, local contractor's will not be able to export sand from the Central Maui inland area, which would limit them from providing any service to the community. Thus crippling their ability to make a living.

This moratorium will jeopardize the safety and economy of Maui. As such I am recommending that the proposed bill not be passed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

AUSTIN, TSUTSUMI & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By

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