

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING

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Chair Cochran and Members of the Maui County Council Infrastructure & Environmental Management Committee:

I am Grant Chun, testifying on behalf of A&B Properties (A&B) on "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING." We respectfully oppose this bill.

The stated purpose of this bill is to declare a moratorium on the mining of inland sand in Central Maui.

While we acknowledge the addition of exceptions to the proposed bill to address some of the concerns that have been raised, we are still concerned that there may be other unforeseen or unintended consequences and impacts of the proposed moratorium that would negatively impact the basic needs of Maui's working public—the provision of housing, infrastructure, public facilities and the underlying jobs and economic activity. Furthermore, while there is a general description of the area subject to the moratorium, a more precise geographical definition should be provided, along with the rationale for its definition. Only then can there be a better assessment of the impacted projects, uses and activities, and whether additional exceptions are in order.

We understand that entities previously involved in sand mining in Maui County have agreed to suspend their sand mining operations. Thus, in lieu of the establishment of a moratorium on sand mining which may prompt unforeseen or

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unintended consequences, we respectfully recommend that deliberation and discussion continue to consider other options to amicably address this matter.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request that this bill not be passed by this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.