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Aloha,

Please find attached testimony submitted for:

MORATORIUM ON EXPORTING SAND, THE MAUI INLAND SAND RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION STUDY AND SAND MINING REGULATION (IEM-33)

Please have copies distributed to all committee members. Thank you.

Warren

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## Maui County

October 2, 2017

### TESTIMONY

#### **Re: MORATORIUM ON EXPORTING SAND, THE MAUI INLAND SAND RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION STUDY AND SAND MINING REGULATION (IEM-33)**

Chair Cochran and Members of the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee:

I am Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of Maui County Farm Bureau. We are a County Chapter of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, representing farm families and organizations on the island. Our mission seeks to protect and increase the viability of farm and ranches while ensuring the social and environmental wellbeing of the island.

MCFB opposes the proposed sand mining regulation as written. The broad definition of sand and sand mining encompasses many actively farmed agricultural areas within the demarcated area. As defined, many fields within the demarcated areas contains "sand" meeting the definition and the language in "sand mining" is defined as removal of sand from its original natural operation interpreted literally can be associated with normal agricultural operations.

We do not believe it is the intent of this legislation to result in unintended consequences and negatively impact agricultural operations. For this reason, we oppose this measure as written.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter.