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To our Maui County Council members:

We are respectfully writing to ask you to please vote "No" on Bill 9.

We are a family who owns a leasehold property on Hau'oli Street in Ma'alaea. Our dad bought the condo in 1986, and we have treasured it, and Maui, since that time.

At first, Dad only had our family and friends stay there until our leasehold tripled in 2011. He then had to look to VRBO to help pay the monthly bills.

With the leasehold (\$1000), HOA (\$900), assessments (future sea wall repair and plumbing), and electricity, our fees are over \$2400 per month. In addition to those fees, we have property taxes, telephone, insurance, and normal wear maintenance.

Currently, we still have mostly family and friends as guests, all of whom know and love Maui. When we do have new outside guests, we work hard to encourage them to buy local food, and shop local businesses, like those at our Ma'alaea Harbor Shops and beyond.

With that said, we feel the passing of Bill 9 would be devastating for Maui and its businesses, which (in part) rely on visitors that we help bring to Maui.

Our being able to house visitors keeps local businesses working and productive, and helps us to collect and pay the GET, TA, and Maui County taxes to the state. We hire local workers to manage, clean, and maintain, and when we are there, we intentionally seek out small business owners to help with repairs and to replace household furnishings.

Previously, when fewer people were visiting, we convinced our family and friends to come visit and support the local economy. Our family and friends could never afford to pay the corporate hotel rates, so we are happy to have them stay at our home and support our beloved Maui during their stays.

Unlike the large hotels, we teach all our guests about Hawaiian manners and culture, and to "leave no trace."

Finally, we hope that you consider that wealthy foreigners (non-U.S. citizens) might jump in, as long-time owners are forced to sell, and then rent to short-term renters themselves while subverting the GET and TA tax collection. At that time, we think that it will not be easy to track their collection of rent money or renter's stays. Also, they will not treasure Maui's beautiful culture as we long-time owners have, and they are without any regard to the culture of respect and reverence for the land that exists throughout Hawai'i.

We appreciate your time and would hope that you would vote "No" on Bill 9 on behalf of the workers and businesses of Maui, whom we love and support.

With Sincere Thanks,
Corey and Terri Strack

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 8:29 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: FW: Letter to all Council Members about Bill 9
Attachments: Maui Council letter Bill 9-Strack.pdf

From: Terri Strack <coreyterri@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 6:31 AM
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Subject: Letter to all Council Members about Bill 9

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To all of our Maui Council Members,

Please see attached letter regarding Bill 9.

Thanks for your time,

Corey and Terri Strack