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Maui County Council
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Aloha Committee Members:

My name is Lynne Woods and I offer this testimony, as a private citizen, in support of proposed amendment to Title 3.

Over time our county has changed many of the rules governing the development of subdivisions on Maui thereby placing some infrastructure in our older subdivisions into non-compliance. I live in such a subdivision.

Our subdivision includes a private roadway servicing some 45 lots and it is non-compliant given many changes to the county code over the past 35 years.

After many years of maintenance subsidized and preformed by the property owners on the road we realize we cannot keep up our current efforts as the the deterioration is now beyond our physical and financial means. To complicate the issue the County will not assist as the roadway is designated as “non compliant”.

This proposed amendment could well be the solution to this issue and to other areas unable to repair their infrastructure using conventional financing means. It does not relieve owners from accepting the financial responsibility for improvements but it does equally distribute the cost to all owners and by using the mechanism of an assessment on our property tax it ensures full payment of all costs of the improvements.

I am aware that the County of Maui cannot possible afford the financial responsibility to repair every infrastructure issue in our County but this proposed process, which is really a form of a public private partnership will go a long way to improving some of Maui's aging non-compliance issues.

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