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Maui County Council  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS,  
AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hi 96793

Chair Molina and Members of the Committee:

PO Box 148, Kula, HI 96790  
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**Re: NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS  
(VARIOUS) (GREAT-2(1))**

**Executive Director**  
Warren K. Watanabe

MCFB on behalf of our member farm and ranch families and organizations is in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Clark Hashimoto to the Maui Board of Water Supply.

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Mr. Hashimoto's long tenure with the University of Hawaii, ultimately interim County Administrator, helping Maui's agricultural community provides him with a unique capacity to look at the big picture while providing insight into the needs of rural Maui and especially agriculture. We all know upcountry Maui has been identified as the water system in the State most dependent on surface water supplies, making it especially vulnerable to climate change impacts. Even as other parts of Maui experienced rainfall earlier this year, farming areas of the Kula District continued to be dry with farmers dependent on irrigation. Rainfall has been extremely spotty with rain occurring in one area yet dry within a tenth of a mile away. We need to implement long term strategies to address Maui's water needs. Mr. Hashimoto's background provides him the ability to constructively contribute to the dialogue advising the Department to pragmatic solutions.

MCFB respectfully requests your strong support to the appointment of Mr. Hashimoto to the Board of Water Supply. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our position.