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December 15, 2023

Ms. Catherine Pease, Field Leadership Advisor Federal Emergency Management Agency P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, Maryland 20782-8055

Via E-mail: catherine.pease@fema.dhs.gov

Dear Ms. Pease:

SUBJECT: UPDATES ON RECOVERY EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO

THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON MAUI ISLAND (DRIP-

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At its meeting of December 13, 2023, the Maui County Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee discussed the abovementioned subject matter.

As part of the discussion, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative stated that additional funding from FEMA will be needed if they are unable to complete debris removal from the Lāhainā, Kula, and Olinda burn zones by the expected timeline of sixto-twelve months. Please describe how the federal, state, and county governments can take part to ensure funding for debris removal will continue until all debris is removed.

May I respectfully request your written response by **December 29, 2023.** To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us and include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff Paige Greco at 808-270-7660, or Maria Leon at 808-270-7866.

Sincerely,

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair

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