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Aloha Maui County Council,

We would like to extend our support of Executive Order 4544 which would transfer the Kaupo School Property to Maui County enabling a long-term lease to be entrusted to the Kaupo Community Association for its stewardship.

In March of 1982 we had a 1yr old luau at the old school for our son, John, who had been born in Kaupo. It was awesome as friends and family gathered from Hana, Kipahulu, Central Maui and Molokai to celebrate... until the rains came pouring down and the roads and bridges washed out. Most of the Maui families got out in time but some got stuck at the old school for days, thank God we had plenty of food and water!

With the roads closed for months due to that storm, a teacher was brought in from 'outside' and the old School was temporarily used to school our children.

By the time our daughter was getting married in October 2006 the old school was no longer 'safe' to have a luau in so we put up a large white wedding tent out on the lawn. It was awesome as friends and family came from Maui, Molokai, Oahu, Big Island and beyond to camp for the weekend and celebrate... until we were greeted the next morning by a huge earthquake! Then came the thunder, lightning and pouring rain which not only washed out the roads and bridges but caused major landslides isolating the community for a very, very long time.

Personally the Old Kaupo School has been a significant and beloved part of our family memories and history and we are ever grateful but even more importantly we feel it is vital for the safety and well-being of the community now and in the future.

Mahalo,

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