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July 25, 2025

Mr. John Smith, Administrator  
Office of Recovery  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Smith:

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MAUI WILDFIRE EXPOSURE COHORT  
STUDY (WASSP-1(10))**

At its meeting of July 21, 2025, the Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee received an update on the Maui Wildfire Exposure Cohort Study and discussed the report, entitled "From Crisis to Recovery: Health and Resilience Two Years After the Maui Wildfires, June 18, 2025." The report identified the continued emotional, physical, and social effects impacting Maui residents after the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

The MauiWES data reveals that post-fire, adults and children in our community are still suffering from elevated rates of depression, anxiety, PTSD, hypertension, and impaired lung function remains widespread. Food insecurity and unstable housing continue to be factors.

The WASSP Committee acknowledges the efforts of the MauiWES and supports the ongoing work to address our community's health needs. To further assist other aspects of the recovery process such as housing, economic revitalization, and infrastructure restoration, the Committee is also in full support of additional funding through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery fund program, which your Department administers.

Mahalo again for all your Department is doing to assist in Maui's road to recovery. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Criselda Paranada at ext. 7668).

Mr. John Smith  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane M. Sinenci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shane" being more prominent.

SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair  
Water Authority, Social Services, and  
Parks Committee

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**From:** WASSP Committee  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 9:15 AM  
**To:** John.Smith@co.maui.hi.us  
**Cc:** Josiah Nishita; Cynthia Sasada; Erin Wade; Lynette.Kaona@co.maui.hi.us; WASSP Committee  
**Subject:** Update on Maui Wildfire Exposure Cohort Study (WASSP-1(10))  
**Attachments:** 001(10)aor1.pdf

**Mr. Smith:** Please refer to the attached letter from WASSP Committee Chair Sinenci, dated July 25, 2025.