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Dear Councilmembers,

Aloha! We are writing in opposition to Bill 1.

We realize that Bill 1 weakens Maui's long standing protections by requiring approval of subdivision construction plans even when long-term water availability has not been verified. The position of this bill is not acceptable to us.

This Bill 1 removes the vital safe guard that insures that new developments show that there is ample water available for any new project. Instead, Bill 1 approves of development in areas that do not necessarily have adequate water.

We absolutely oppose any loosening of our current law requiring verification that there is indeed adequate water available. For the health of our island, please decline to move forward with anything similar to Bill 1 which weakens water protections and supply.

Mahalo for reading our testimony,

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