

## AH Committee

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**From:** Bill Hobbs <billhobbs@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:34 AM  
**To:** AH Committee  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila Farms; Lahaina) AH-1(3) Sub(3)

Dear Chair,

I am writing to state that I am very much in support of the construction of workforce/affordable housing at Makila Farms. My reasons are many, but I will stick to the main point. Namely, there is a great tragedy taking place with working class people who are being forced to move off of the islands to places like Las Vegas Nevada simply to be able to afford a place to live. I am not native to Hawaii but have chosen to live and raise my family here. In fact, having been born and raised in Southern California, the truth is I would not now be able to raise my children in the same working class neighborhood I was raised in for many of the same reasons we now see in Hawaii. Like California, property prices have been driven up by external forces which have made it impossible for young people to own homes. Makila Farms will provide that opportunity for many families who are trying to make a start in a place they love and do not want to be forced out of.

Sincerely,  
Bill