

EDB Committee

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Subject: Testimony for 9/10 EDB meeting re: Kama`aina First program

We are writing to provide praise and support for the Kama`aina First program.

Our “mom and pop” gallery has been in business for almost 18 years on Lāna`i and weathered many financial storms over the years, including the 2008 recession and the closure of both resorts for renovation, and now closures and travel restrictions due to COVID-19. This latest is our most dramatic hardship by far, and we are very grateful for the Kama`aina First program!

Our Lanai residents and inter-island travelers (when allowed) appreciate this wonderful program. We have extended our participation through December 31st, and in fact we like the program so much, we plan to extend it indefinitely in our gallery.

We urge the County to continue this important program, and others that support the 600 small businesses across the county.

With aloha and gratitude

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