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Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Councilmember Elle Cochran, Chair
Committee: Infrastructure and Environmental Management
Hearing on November 13, 2017 at 1:30PM

Dear Councilmember Cochran and Members of the Committee,

Pacific Biodiesel strongly supports this proposed legislation that would ban in Maui County the use and sale of sunscreen products containing oxybenzone and other harmful ingredients known to damage coral reefs.

Since Pacific Biodiesel began more than two decades ago here on Maui, our company's mission has remained rooted in recycling, renewable energy and overall stewardship of our environment. Last year we began developing a reef-safe sunscreen along with plant-based beauty oil products made as part of our expanding sustainable agriculture operation. Our sunscreen formula includes our locally made Hawaiian macadamia nut oil and our Maui sunflower oil.

Even though the State's proposed ban on harmful sunscreen products did not pass during its 2017 Legislative Session, we are proceeding with development of our FDA-compliant sunscreen product because we strongly believe it is our responsibility – our kuleana – to help protect our environment with the products we produce for our customers, whether it be biodiesel or beauty oils – or sunscreen!

Mahalo for your efforts to educate our community about harmful sunscreen products and for initiating the Council's review of this issue to consider a ban on these products in Maui County. As the Maui County Council demonstrated earlier this year with its ban on environmentally hazardous Styrofoam products, we look forward to the Council's swift leadership on this important environmental issue to protect the health and resiliency of our coral reefs for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joy Galatro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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