

EACP Committee

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To: EACP Committee
Subject: PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AT HANAKAO'O

Aloha,

I am writing you today to let you know I support of the bill to **prohibit** commercial activity at Hanakao'o. Even though I do work in the tourism industry, I feel that Maui is being taken over by tourists and there is no place else for the local community go. This is one of the last beaches on the west side where families and friends can come together and not feel "pushed out" or overwhelmed with crowds of tourists.

The paddle community is a strong one and needs to continue to pass down traditions to younger generations so Hawaiian culture is not lost. Allowing commercial activity at Hanakao'o will end up pushing out the canoe clubs and we will lose the magic that Maui has to offer. We will lose the very essence these islands were built upon; the culture, traditions, and aloha.

Although I know I am not from Maui, I have so much respect for the people who were born and raised here and have to struggle to keep beaches, land, businesses, and traditions from sinking all for CORPORATE GREED. I have paddled with Napili Canoe Club for the last 8 years and learned so much about respecting the aina and how important it is to keep these Islands sacred.

It pains me to see visitors disrespect the island and the culture on a daily basis and I would hate to see Hanakao'o get over-run with tourism. Again, this is the a family beach where the local community still feels at home so PLEASE PASS THE BILL TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AT HANAKAO'O.

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