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Dear Ms. Peters and the HCP Committee:

I was recently in the Bay Area, California and Honolulu, Hawaii. It was very interesting to see how these communities have addressed the needs of their citizens for the fastest growing sport in the USA: Pickleball. In Burlingame, their tennis courts have designated days and times that are specifically shared with pickleball players. There is also a separate multi-purpose court that serves basketball, volleyball and Pickleball players. The lines for all these sports are clearly painted for easy use. This court is first come, first serve for all their community members to enjoy.

While in Honolulu, I visited Diamond Head Tennis Courts where 4 courts are available for Pickleball players everyday between 7 am - 1 pm. There are 4 courts open daily to tennis players all day long and even in Honolulu, they are not utilized as much as pickleball.

Also near Diamond Courts is the Paki Community Park that is a multi-purpose play court for basketball, volleyball and pickleball. At this court, the Pickleball Ambassador of Diamond Head area teaches 3x weekly pickleball skills, free of charge! The Aloha spirit among Pickleball players everywhere you go represents what a sport should be...great exercise, healthy outdoors, promoting friendships and building community all in a positive way.

We know that Honolulu's population far exceeds Maui's, but I was impressed that there are 149 pickleball courts available there. How many public courts do we have in Central and Upcountry Maui? NONE that are dedicated courts and only 3 at War Memorial tennis courts with faded lines that are barely visible. Volunteers have been using tape to designate lines and bring their personal nets for others to use. Kula and Haiku community courts have the same challenges as War Memorial. It's very puzzling that Wells Park has so many under utilized courts during the day while Pickleball players wait for their turn to play on days that volunteers set up the courts. Why can't we all just share? That's what we teach our kids and yet, there appears to be a great sense of ownership of the courts when in fact, they are public courts that all we taxpayers support.

As a Maui County citizen since 1978, I believe there should be a solution to meeting the needs of the most populated local communities, Central and Upcountry Maui! Pickleball is for all ages, youth through senior citizens. And many of us live and work near all these under utilized public and poorly maintained courts. A

Please consider painting new pickleball lines in all public courts that can be shared by all as soon as possible. If it is a budgetary issue, please include maintenance and hopefully, building Pickleball courts in the near future. Some communities partner with businesses to build new courts so that is an avenue to explore.

Thank you for your time to address this need and please let me know if I can help in any way. Please view my attached photos.

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