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March 17, 2023

Lieutenant Commander Michelle J. Rice
United States Coast Guard
Sector Honolulu
400 Sand Island Parkway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-4326

Dear Lieutenant Commander Rice:

SUBJECT: **MARITIME DISASTERS** (DRIP-2(1))

The Maui County Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee intends to discuss maritime disasters at its March 22, 2023, meeting at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of your agency attending the meeting, may I please request your response to the following questions:

1. What are steps the U.S. Coast Guard ("USCG") has taken to prevent shipwrecks?
2. Please describe the USCG's responsibilities and protocols for responding to shipwrecks. How do these responsibilities and protocols differ from the State of Hawai'i and the County of Maui?
3. Please describe the USCG's timeline when responding to a shipwreck.
4. In the event hazardous fluids are leaked into the ocean, does the USCG have all materials necessary to respond on Maui Island? If no, why not?
5. Please describe the USCG's involvement in responding to vessels operating without insurance and vessels moored illegally, if any.

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I would appreciate receiving your response **by noon on March 22, 2023**, for consideration during the Committee's meeting. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Paige Greco at ext. (808) 270-7660, or Maria Leon at ext. (808) 270-7866).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara M. Paltin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International
Affairs, and Planning Committee

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cc: Lieutenant Commander Wade P. Thomson
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