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To: Kathy L. Kaohu;
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Subject: RE: Dog Leash Law
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Aloha Kathy,

I was included in this email string from Alan Kaufman in order to discuss this law. It does have direct impacts to me both on a working basis and at home as someone who is looking to protect my family and property.

On the working front we at the ranch do utilize two classes of dogs to help us in our everyday work and protection of our livestock. We do use herding dogs that allow us to gather large numbers of cattle, goats or sheep with a minimal amount of manpower.

We also use livestock guardian dogs to protect our sheep and goats from predation from wild or stray dogs as well as feral pigs that will come in during lambing season and eat the lambs or new born kid goats. These losses to predation can be well over 30% of your lamb or goat kid crop, and when dogs get into the flock mass killings can take place in a matter of an hour. These livestock guardian dogs allow us to operate without these detrimental losses. All of these jobs cannot be done with a dog who is tethered on our own property.

As far as security for family and property protection, there are a lot of thieves, thugs and druggies that are always looking for a

way to make a quick buck off of someone else's hard work. My daughter in law came home to find someone in their mango tree with her dog under the tree keeping him up there. This kid was stoned out of his head and if it wasn't for that unleashed dog in his fenced yard with no other homes around I don't know what would have happened to my daughter in law and infant grandchild.

This island has changed a lot in the past 20 years, let's not tie the hands of the good hard working people who are trying to make Maui a better place to live by putting these types of ridiculous rules in the way of doing their jobs and protecting their families and property. What makes perfect sense in town may have very bad impacts for those of us who live and work in less populous areas.

The first three pictures shows our dogs helping move large herds of livestock and the fourth picture shows a livestock guardian dog moving out from the herd to warn intruders away, and yes they prevent the theft of livestock by people that would steal goats to make a quick buck to go out and buy more drugs. Many of the smaller goat herd owners around Makawao and Kula suffer thefts of goats by these people.

Thank you for reading through this and please laws, have to have some thought put into their ramifications to everyone involved. Most people are so far removed from production agriculture now days that they don't how these laws will hamstring our ability to do business on the island.

Sincerely,
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