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SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF EDB-175
KAUPO SCHOOL RESTORATION INFRASTRUCTURE

My name is Elise Moniz and I am testifying in support of EDB-175 Kaupo School Restoration Infrastructure. I am the Board Secretary for the Kaupo Community Association. I was asked by the Board to join them in 2018 and was happy and honored to accept this position. Our board consists of dedicated people who have volunteered their time and have worked hard to serve the Kaupo community.

I am a third generation born and raised on Maui. My grandfather settled in Kaupo in the early 1900's and raised his family in Kaupo which included my mother and her two brothers and sisters. My mother's older sister is Rose Soon who is the historian of the Kaupo Community Association. Growing up I was very fortunate and looked forward to be able to visit Kaupo every chance I got. In those days, it took three to four hours with a 4-wheel drive to get there from Kahului. Besides the local people who lived there, the only other people we saw were fishermen, hunters and on occasion a few tourist that dared to drive the road in their rental cars. Today, it takes approximately two hours to get to Kaupo from Kahului. Can you imagine the amount of people that now pass thru this little town?

The community of Kaupo are proud to have seen the wonderful change in the "old" school property and the restoration of a prominent historic building. Due to the hard work of the board, we are now accepting bids to restore the two structures on the property with the remaining portion for the essential infrastructure being water, electric and septic.

My aunt is now 94 and my mom is 89. It would be amazing for not only them but the Kaupo community to see the restoration of a prominent historic building and property.

I humbly ask that you support us and this invaluable project.

Sincerely,



ELISE MONIZ