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To the Maui County Budget and Finance Committee

As regards the Support of Parking Structure Development in Wailuku Town,

Dear Members,

First let me thank you for the service you are providing us, the residents of Maui County. With this is also comes a great responsibility to provide the best representation of the diverse interests of the people of Maui.

Maui is a beautiful place that is a world renown as an idyllic paradise and yet is also a mix of small towns and neighborhoods. Although its nice to have a nice dinner at a nice restaurant at a very nice hotel sometimes I live in Wailuku and love it. My neighborhood is old with a changing mix of neighbors. Very few are still occupied by family members of the original owners.

I am concerned that my children and their children and their contemporaries will not have a bright future here. To buy a house here is an impossible dream for so many since the economic reality of finding work at a good paying job is unrealistic just by sheer numbers. There is such a high concentration of jobs in tourism and construction both having very little upward mobility and/or are cyclically dependent on factors outside Maui County.

I believe in small business and small industry. Encouragement of these two things will make more possibilities for ourselves and for our future. Wailuku town needs parking to make this town more vital and active, to create more jobs and more possibilities for everyone here. Mahalo for your consideration,

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