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June 3, 2021

Mr. Dean Rickard, Acting Chief Department of Police County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Rickard:

SUBJECT: ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IN MAUI COUNTY (GREAT-29)

May I please request your response to the following:

- 1. What is the County's authority for regulating fireworks?
- 2. What is the State's authority for regulating fireworks in the County?
- 3. Provide comments on implementing a downloadable app to report the illegal use of fireworks.
- 4. Provide comments on the possible increase in fines beyond the current fine of \$500 for possessing illegal fireworks.
- 5. Provide comments on making it illegal for an adult to provide or allow illegal fireworks for persons under 21 years of age.
- 6. Provide comments on developing a multi-pronged approach with State and County agencies to help curb the use of illegal fireworks in the County.

May I further request your written response by **June 17, 2021**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to <u>great.committee@mauicounty.us</u> and include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, Wilton Leauanae at ext. 7761, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino