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TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 331, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **opposition** to this measure. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the county councils from enacting zoning ordinances or community plan amendments for any "less intensive use."

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **oppose** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Zoning ordinances and community plan amendments are quintessential matters of local concern and appropriately left to local elected officials on each county council. State mandates are unwarranted in this field.
2. The measure's definition of "less intensive use" is vague and would result in confusion, wasted time, and costly litigation.

For the foregoing reasons, I **oppose** this measure.

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