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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1099, RELATING TO TAXATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. This measure's purpose is to give the County of Maui until July 1, 2024, to enact an ordinance for a General Excise Tax surcharge to fund housing infrastructure.

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 **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Maui County is the only County in the State that currently is not receiving the benefits of the surcharge on state tax.
2. The surcharge would provide much-needed revenue for Maui County to address its affordable-housing crisis.
3. The County and the State have a mutual interest in supporting infrastructure projects that promote affordable-housing development.

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