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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 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT SB 3068,
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY**

I **support** this measure to appropriate funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires.

This testimony is in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

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

1. As is well-stated in this measure, Federal, State, and County agencies have worked together with nonprofit organizations, including the American Red Cross, Hawaii Community Foundation, Maui United Way, and many others, on emergency response and recovery since the August 2023 wildfires. Further support is needed to address ongoing response and recovery efforts.
2. This measure provides much-needed help to Maui County and its people at this critical time in our history.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.