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**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY
 IN SUPPORT OF BLNR AGENDA ITEM C-3 TO APPROVE THE
 ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE LANDS AT HAMAKUALOA, ISLAND OF
 MAUI,
 TAX MAP KEYS: (2) 2-9-011:012 AND (2) 2-9-013:009**

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Aloha Chair Case and Board Members:

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) strongly supports Agenda Item C-3 relating to the proposed acquisition of two (2) privately-owned parcels of land totaling approximately 89 acres that are located next to existing State lands, which will allow the State to protect and manage the land for public benefit.

TPL has been working closely with DOFAW and the private landowner on this project, which is part of a larger effort to protect resources along a treasured East Maui coastline, and will enhance the protection of critical forest and coastal habitats.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of what we believe to be an important effort that will have lasting protective effect on important natural resources and public access for generations to come.

Sincerely,
 THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND


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