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Re: Act 80, SLH 2017, An Amendment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act

Aloha Representative Kahele,

On behalf of the Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association, Inc., I am writing in support of your legislative proposal to secure Congressional consent to Act 80, SLH 2017, an amendment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) enacted by the Hawaii State Legislature.

Congressional consent will approve Act 80 and give it the full effect of law. This provision reduces the successorship qualification of a homestead lessee's spouse, children, grandchildren and brother or sisters from one-quarter to one thirty-second Hawaiian.

Congressional consent is important to the members of our association, composed of 114 homestead lessees within a homestead area of over 400 homestead households in central Maui, because it allows us to transfer our homesteads within our 'ohana to at least another four generations. This is critical to provide a stable ancestral homestead, ensure 'ohana and cultural continuity, help grow our assets to benefit 'ohana, and expand economic opportunities for future generations.

We strongly support your legislative proposal and urge the approval of this important amendment to protect HHCA beneficiaries and ensure long-term tenancy to the beneficiaries of this public trust and their successors.

Mahalo for your consideration, Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Roy K. Oliveira'. To the right of the signature is a small black square icon.

Roy Oliveira, President
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cc: The Honorable Bill Aila, HHC Chairman