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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

Re: September 7, 2016 Agenda Item IV: DR 16-56 Robinson Family Partners IAL (Kauai)  
Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands (IAL)  

Please accept my apologies for this late submittal (less than 48 hours), in support of the  
above-referenced petition.  

I am aware that the Robinson Family Partners have been exceptional stewards of their  
lands being considered to be designated as IAL, and while the entire lands proposed for IAL  
designation may not entirely comply with applicable statutory requirements, I am aware that this  
body may grant IAL designation to the entire proposed designation if the standards and criteria  
for the entire requested IAL designation meets the objectives and policies for IAL. See, Article  
XI, section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 205-42 and 43 of the Hawaii Revised  
Statutes.
In the present case it is clear that lands have historically and are currently used for agricultural purposes, there is apparently sufficient water to allow the current agricultural practices to flourish, and the IAL designation is consistent with development plans for Kauai County as I am aware that the Kauai County Planning Department is also in support of the instant proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact myself or this office.

Sincerely,

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Senate President

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