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OUR MISSION
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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**IN SUPPORT OF DR17-59, MONSANTO'S PETITION FOR DECLARATORY
ORDER TO DESIGNATE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS
KUNIA, OAHU, HAWAII**

STATE OF HAWAII LAND USE COMMISSION
October 11-12, 2017

Chair Wong and LUC Commissioners,

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

HCIA believes in keeping important agricultural lands in agricultural use. As such, we support Monsanto's petition to designate approximately 1,550 acres of land in Kunia, Oahu, as Important Agricultural Lands (IAL). The voluntary designation will preserve the property for agriculture and allow Monsanto and future generations to continue to use the property for agricultural production.

As one of the largest sectors of Hawaii's agricultural community, the seed industry is excited that Monsanto is demonstrating its commitment to Hawaii's agricultural community and future through this important designation.

Thank you for allowing us to submit our letter of support. We respectfully request your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director

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