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State Land Use Commission  
P.O. Box 2359  
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SUBJECT: DR17-60 Monsanto Company, A Delaware Corporation's Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agriculture Lands for Approximately 1,084.079 Acres at Naiwa, Manowainui, Kahanui, Moloka'i

Dear Chair Wong and Commissioners,

My name is Lawrence Lasua and although I am the President/CEO of Molokai Community Federal Credit Union, Chair of the Molokai Planning Commission and the Treasurer of the Molokai Chamber of Commerce among other positions I hold in the community, I testify to you on this matter as a private citizen, DHHL Homestead leasee and Molokai resident.

I currently reside on the land that was awarded to my grandfather as one of the first leases under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. Just as my grandfather and father did before me, I continue to strengthen the foundation of our homestead through careful planning and implementation of infrastructure and systems that will help carry our family and this land into the future.

As Native Hawaiians we understand the importance of discovering opportunities and putting in the work now to secure our future well-being.

In that same spirit, Monsanto and the State of Hawaii have also recognized the importance of opportunity and the required work to make good use of it. Monsanto's proposed designation of Important Agricultural Lands is a crucial step in protecting these lands and keeping them in Ag production and ensuring the present and future strength of Molokai's farming community.

For these reasons among others I support Monsanto's proposed designation of Important Agricultural Lands.

Sincerely,



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