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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,

As a professional having spent my entire career in land use and planning, the most important thing when implementing a long-term plan is securing a strong foundation to build on. When it comes to community planning, agriculture is no different.

The agriculture industry has been the backbone of our island for decades and in order to secure its place in our future we need to take the steps now to preserve the lands that are most productive and best suited for farming. Along with help from the State of Hawaii, this proposed Important Ag Lands designation by Monsanto is one of several steps that can be taken towards making this happen.

Many of our island residents rely on the Ag industry for their income and well-being. Helping ensure the continued stability and success of Ag on Molokai will benefit all of the island's residents and guests because, as a community grows stronger, the more resilient it becomes.

I fully support Monsanto's designation of their lands as IAL.

Sincerely,



Luigi Manera