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To: State of Hawaii Land Use Commission Department of Business

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Subject: **Opposition** of the Expansion of The Hawaiian Memorial Park, Kaneohe

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I am writing in opposition of the expansion of The Hawaiian Memorial Park, Kaneohe.

The Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP) currently sits on 80 acres of land, with this expansion it will add an additional 28 acres with a buffer of only 150 feet between residences and the expansion area. The owner of the cemetery, Service Corp. International seeks to change the zoning land it owns from conservation to urban which allows the project to proceed unhinged.

Deforestation is the clearance of trees primarily for human advancement, such as urban development. The expansion of HMP will destroy a 100-foot high mountain, all trees that are presently on it, and will jeopardize the habitat of a rare and a federally endangered species of damselfly unique to Hawaii.

Not only will it be destructive to native flora and fauna ecosystems, but it will also affect the scenic landscape. The plan does not protect the historic structures located on the site. In addition, the Kawa Stream which provides water outlet to prevent flooding and routes water to farms will be destroyed and the surrounding land will suffer flood impact from run-off.

It is clear that much of the conversion is currently being undertaken in violation of basic laws and regulations. The people who live on the island must be resilient to this unjust treatment of scared land that is being commercialized. City and County lines were established so that the people of said land can have the opportunity to be heard by the correct governing agency. Dilution of the conservation land only serves to benefit those who will profit from the expansion.

There are numerous disadvantages that will affect not only the surrounding land but the State as a whole, which is why I am in opposition of the expansion.

Thank you.



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