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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Designation of Important Agricultural Lands (My Testimony)  
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**From:** Yvonne Watarai <[yywatarai@yahoo.com](mailto:yywatarai@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 1:55 PM  
**To:** DBEDT LUC <[dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov](mailto:dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov)>  
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**From:** Yvonne Watarai <[yywatarai@yahoo.com](mailto:yywatarai@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Designation of Important Agricultural Lands (My Testimony)  
**Date:** April 24, 2021 at 6:36:50 PM CDT  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to state my reason against this designation:

First of all, many of us are not educated enough to understand what has been going on even though you have sent out notices. We read them, but don't understand them and don't realize the seriousness of them.

I feel that small land owners have not had proper notification, the knowledge, the wherewithal to know the seriousness of this process nor the resources to navigate this process. The City and County of Honolulu did not contact landowners adequately to conduct an agricultural economic feasibility analysis on EACH property proposed on the map. I would have appreciated if I got a notice to set up a time for an official to actually visit my property and inform me of the proposal for my property. We should have been "educated"!

IAL is trying to limit occupancy in dwellings to "actively" farming" tenants only. This could affect the cost of leases and land and will limit kupuna and other retired farmers from living on their land. In my case, the farmer leasing my land retired and I have not been able to find another farmer. I have two homes that are being rented. The tenants have been there for over 40 years. If my property becomes IAL...then what? I have to kick out my tenants? What will happen to my property? Will you take it away?

Is there a way to exempt my property? Watarai, Yvonne Y Trust

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Waianae, Hi. 96792

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I will be in Chicago for a few months. Please call me at (808) 371-2261

Thank you,

Yvonne Y Watarai