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Dear Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

My name is Grant Kunishima and I am the head manager for Sunrise Capital Inc and Kauai shrimp.

Please see our support letter for Docket number - DR21-76 Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Ag Lands in Kekaha Kauai.

Best regards,

Grant Kunishima

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SUNRISE CAPITAL INC.

December 17,2021

Mr. Jonathan Scheuer, Chair
Members of the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
Post Office Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359

Dear Chair Scheuer and Land Use Commissioners,

Re: Petition of Kekaha Agriculture Association for Declaratory Order
Designating approximately 12,123 Acres at Kekaha, Kauai;
TMK 4-1-002-001 (por) IAL; Docket Number DR21-76

As a member farm of Kekaha Agriculture Association, a lessee of Agribusiness Development Corporation, Kauai Shrimp operations, DBA Sunrise Capital, humbly ask for your vote of support for the referenced petition.

Kauai Shrimp has been in business on Kauai since 1997, managing over 250 acres with over 40 employees, all residents of our community. We are members of numerous organizations on Kauai and provide a strong position in the County of Kauai's Locally Grown programs. We are a worldwide producer of shrimp and are proud of our nonprofit contributions of over 10,000 pounds of product at no cost provided to feed our community during the Covid pandemic on our island.

Having this designation approved by your Commission will provide our farms, and all the agricultural lessees of today, and the future, to be able to sustain the challenges of rising costs that make our industry difficult to attract people to engage in agriculture as a career. Not only do we take the brunt of the costs to get our land prepared to grow a product, rising costs of materials, transportation, machinery, and labor continues to be contributing factors for a small farmer to even consider as a business, or for pure enjoyment of 'growing food' for his family to consume.

With this order and IAL designation, Agriculture on the west side of Kauai could be opened to tremendous opportunity for farms large and small to contribute to the sustainability of our island, and all of Hawaii. When incidents happened on our island, the flooding in Hanalei, the road closure in spring of this year and, of course, the Covid pandemic, it was our farmers, with the help of our relationships with fishermen, cattle ranchers (like Hawaii Meats), and other large farms on Kauai, who stepped up to provide needed food, vegetables to help our families get through these tough times. Yes, small farms did receive some funding, but on the west side, most of our contributions were donated in full to the local organizations.

In the case of Hartung, Becks, Corteva, Global Ag, all members of Kekaha Agriculture Association, we actually gave food free of charge into the thousands of pounds of watermelon, squash, mangoes, corn. And on a personal note, KAA members, Hartung and Corteva took the lead in growing this year over 3000 pumpkins, again at no cost, as a giveaway island wide (Haena to Kekaha) for Halloween events for our keiki and their families as a way of bringing "hope" for a better tomorrow. Together with this annual event, we also fed more than 1000 people in partnerships with A&B, AES and KIUC, HHSC Kauai Region, Kamehameha Schools, Liliuokalani Trust, PEPSICO, Grove Farm, Aina Hookupu, E Ola Mau, Westside Christian church, Meridian Pacific, and the Hawaii Food Bank.

We continue till today supporting efforts in feeding our communities in need as Kauai's families are still struggling with the rise in costs of food, gas, etc.

In conclusion, your kind assistance and consideration is more than an incentive to help ease costs to our operations on the west side, it is the "path of sustainability and economic stability" to keep our islands with the development of locally grown food sources needed for Hawaii's future, and allow us to continue to be a viable business.

It is what we live for as a farmer, "to feed others".

With grateful thanks,



Grant Kunishima

Production Manager