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Commissioners,

The City and County of Honolulu petition regarding Prime Agricultural Lands deserves a hearing. Please accept the petition. I am a retired State planner that collaborated on agriculture and conservation papers for the State Plan plus a DOH minimum stream flow justification in the early seventies. Through the years I have monitored the progress of the research papers I did as a Minority Intern Planner student under the Division of Planning in DBED which today is the Office of Planning.

The agriculture paper main points back then called for identifying prime agricultural lands, threats to existing agricultural lands, and diversification of the economy heavily dependent on tourism. I feel we have come full circle again because of the pandemic and the need to diversify the economy. Today I also feel that permitted uses on agricultural lands and the property tax structure of "highest and best use" need reviewing.

Sincerely yours,

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