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We are very concerned after reading the recent court ruling regarding short term rentals in farm dwellings on agricultural land.

We respectfully request that the county and the LUC strongly consider appealing this decision. The Hawaii County planning department is allowing "hosted rentals" in agricultural districts without a permit. I feel that the potential economic impact to the Island could be devastating. Honolulu city and county has voted in favor of the people by passing and signing Bill 41 (2021) CD2 on April 26, 2022. It is our hope to protect and preserve the quality of our residential area by preventing the noise, traffic and potential safety issues by eliminating the short term transient rentals on ag land. We are already experiencing a substantial increase in traffic with over 60 vehicle trips per day on a private road. It is creating a potentially dangerous situation with speeding and running stop signs. Hosted rentals in agricultural areas have made it possible for property owners to violate State law, county code and permit requirements. Hosted rental is not listed in State law or the County's zoning code. We feel that allowing a transient rental in an agricultural district without a special or use permit is a violation of State law.

The tourists should be concentrated in the resort areas - not agricultural land. We do not want our neighborhood to become overrun with illegal vacation rentals along with the problems associated with it.

Thank you for your consideration. We are happy to answer any questions or provide testimony in order to protect our community and its quality of life.

Mahalo

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