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Aloha Chair Giovanni and Members of the Commission,

I am Enzo De Alencar, a freshman at Kūlanihākoʻi High School in Kihei. I appreciate you taking the time to reconsider the issue of the improvement Condition imposed by your Commission in 2013.

I genuinely believe that students in this school are more than capable of following orders issued by the higher authorities; I understand the fact that it is the school's as well as the DOE's responsibility to be the one to secure the safety of the students. I see no benefit in somebody abusing their freedom to cross the highway illegally. I most definitely agree that an overpass is the best way to get us students across without safety issues. However, I believe that we are finally becoming mature enough to make decisions about our lives and that some of us are ready to make the "right" choice for our future. I pledge not to cross the highway on foot but to use the transportation provided by the school and my parents.

I'm thinking about this solution while we attend Lokelani Intermediate School's campus and the many issues we continue to face here – our limited space that stunts some students' creativity and skills. I believe that for students, especially in our first year of high school, skill-building and sharing activities with each other are essential to improve our time in our high school career.

Please consider those most affected by your decision and amend the 2013 Condition to allow us to safely use our campus while the adults keep moving forward on the grade-separated pedestrian crossing.

Mahalo,
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