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Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission:

My name is Malia Kruse Fu. My address is P.O. Box 1089 Kekaha, HI. 96752. I was born and raised on Kaua'i. My letter is in support of Kauai ATV.

I have been employed at Kauai ATV since 2003. Working alongside Mr. Rivera throughout these several years, I would like to bear witness that Mr. Rivera is not a malicious or insensible man as some have testified him to be. He is an industrious and charitable man that cares for the safety of his employees, our guests as well as our community.

Kauai ATV employs approximately 40 – 45 individuals. The greater part of its employees enjoy their jobs and are grateful to Mr. Rivera to be able to work in such an environment. Since before I was employed by Kauai ATV to the most recent hire, training at Kauai ATV included stewardship of the land. A 3-month training period includes information on flora, fauna and history of the area along with first aid/CPR certification. Our employees are also required to do maintenance and trash detail throughout the many trails and dirt roads they traverse. The bulk of the trash that is removed is not as a result of our tours. Whatever is taken in with our tours is taken out. As a type of incentive we have a recycling fund which provides for extracurricular employee benefits.

As most of us know, the topography of this area has been changed many times over since the plantations were introduced to the island. The two waterfalls that are advertised in our brochures are a plantation flume that “water falls” out of and a plantation water intake. This particular waterfall that is under scrutiny because of the now non-existent stairway was to be an alternative when storms would impede our tours.

With all of this said I hope you will take into consideration the impact your decision will have on the lives of 40 – 45 Kaua'i families and the many other businesses that could be affected as a result. I pray that your judgment be fair in your assessment of Mr. Rivera and Kaua'i ATV.

Sincerely,
Malia Kruse Fu