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State of Hawaii Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
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Honorable Commissioners:

We strongly support Grace Pacific request SP73-147 to extend the Makakilo Quarry. This quarry provides a substantial amount of aggregate used in asphalt paving of roads and highways. It also supplies about one-third of aggregate used on Oahu in other construction. There is a projected shortage in building material in base course, cement and asphalt paving. This quarry extension could alleviate this shortage. It will obviate the importation of non-Hawaii aggregate which will add to the cost of construction.

We understand that Grace Pacific will take steps to ameliorate the environment and address the concerns of its neighbors adjacent to the quarry. The company agreed to remove the hot-mix asphalt and finishing plants from its lower parcel near the homes. This is not an inexpensive commitment; it shows good-faith by the company.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit this letter of support for SP73-147.

Sincerely,

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