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Dear honorable Kauai County Council members,

Mahalo Council Members Hooser and Bynum for introducing this Bill. Mahalo Council for accepting this testimony with the best interest of our island in mind.

At our July 2, 2013 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting the KNA had a unanimous vote endorsing Bill number 2491 from all who attended, including 35 members of the community as well as the entire 14 member board. It was a filled room without one voice of dissent.

It is not very often on Kauai that we have the opportunity to take preventative measures to protect our air, land, and people *before* we see plans for an impending development. With this single ordinance the Kilauea community is able to have a fighting chance in that direction. The moratorium aspect of the bill is essential to maintain. The presence of the chemical agriculture industry negatively effects not only the life and health of the land. The *perceived* impacts will affect major segments of our growing Kilauea economy; those being sustainable agriculture, Real estate, land development, and tourism.

The County Council must take strong action while they can. In state and federal government the GMO lobby has established an excess of legislative power. Please rise on this occasion. Ordinance 2491, as it is now written is not an unreasonable request. Broad scale application of restricted use poisons should require an EIS. It is prudent to use great caution before allowing the use of chemicals on our prime agricultural land especially without producing, with the exception of coffee, a single food product for consumption on Kauai. The memory of toxic waste clean up from the Kilauea mill mixing station is still fresh in Kilauea. We should not be asked to simply trust that a revolving workforce understands the longterm implications of these pesticides that are proven to cause generational damage if misapplied. It is important to leave the provisions in the ordinance that create the funding for oversight. We deserve disclosure. We deserve the right to know.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Yoshi L'Hote

President

cc; Ron Kouchi, James Tokioka, Dee Morikawa, Derek Kawakami, Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.