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To: Maui County Affordable Housing Committee  
Gabe Johnson, Chair  
Michael Molina, Vice Chair

From: Todd Apo, Vice President Community Partnerships & Public Affairs  
Hawai'i Community Foundation

Re: Testimony for Hale Pilina Rental Housing Project (Kahului)

Date: Monday, September 27, 2021, 1:30 P.M.

Dear Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Molina and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Community Foundation ("HCF") and our House Maui Initiative, I am submitting this testimony in support of the Hale Pilina project. The need and demand are well established for these 178 rental homes for Maui residents earning 60% and below AMI. As your committee has recognized, the need is immediate, and we ask that the Council move forward expeditiously in approving this project.

We appreciate the partnered effort by landowner A&B Properties and Catholic Charities to bring additional housing units to Central Maui, close to the retail, services, employment opportunities and community facilities.

While your committee continues to tackle the larger policy setting efforts that are necessary to provide true housing solutions, projects like these that can be achieved through the 2.97 process are an important part of solving housing demands across the spectrum of need in the County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.