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Aloha,

My name is Samuel B. Dimaya Jr and I was born and raised on the island of Lanai. I left Lanai after High School in 1980 to venture off into the world to expand my horizons and to see what the world has to offer. It was and still is a plantation town but pineapple was the main source of employment then and the vast majority left Lanai for we knew working the plantation was hard work. Those of us that left could'nt wait to leave this rock and most thought we would never return except to visit.

The saying "You never appreciate what you have until you lose it" holds true for me as after 12 years began to realize how much Lanai is truly a gem. Today, 1/2 of my classmates now reside back home on Lanai.

I am fortunate to be the President of a company I founded in 1993 and enjoy much of the recreational things and lifestyle I did when I grew up on Lanai some 30 years ago. Aside from the transition from plantation to resorts Lanai and its local people havent changed much. New residents to Lanai also move here for the same reason.

We treasure its lifestyle of simplicity, peace of mind, allowing our kids to play without worry of being kidnapped or molested and trust that if they do, someone they know will come to their rescue. As I grew up my best friends were of Hawaiian ancestry and I learned that their parents and family would care for, protect, and give me things without expecting anything in return. I now feel the same about the land that is being considered for the windmills. Now is the time that I must care for and protect our precious island before it is totally ruined for the sake of greed and money.

My family and I oppose the proposed windmill project on Lanai for we feel that the land should remain as it was and is today. Lanai is one of the last islands that can offer this type of lifestyle and simplicity and believe that is the main reason tourists alike visit our island.

From what I read, heard and understand windmill is not yet proven. It is expensive, the countries that have used windmills for longer periods are now finding out that it was not as it was projected to be, people living in close proximity to the windmills are ill for reasons still unknown. HECO has underhandedly attempted to have all their expenses be passed on to the rate payers even before any approval for the project begins. I feel that not enough research has been done to find alternative sources to remedy our need for fossil fuel and that the State had jumped into the windmill hype without reasonable research into other alternatives. I also believe that the the

companies involved are doing so not because of the need for alternative power but because of profits and that they don't care if the project fails for the government incentives will more than pay for their losses. There is also the issue of environmental and cultural site damage to Lanai, the surrounding ocean and endangered wildlife that live both on Lanai and the ocean.

I am not against alternative energy, I am actually for it. But feel that it is being rushed into for the sake of money and feel that more research should be done into alternative sources before irreversible damage is done to Lanai, the ocean and Mother Earth.

Sincerely,

Samuel B. Dimaya Jr.