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Aloha,

My name is Susel James and am currently serving as a board member for Kihei Little League. Our organization is serving over 250 keikis. We have one tball field with five teams, 1 rookie field with 5 teams, one minor field with 4 teams, one major field with 3 teams and one junior field with 1 team. Our season starts in March, ends mid May and mostly play each other. I am writing to you because we are in need of more baseball fields or access to more fields. Our kids don't get enough practice time to develop their skills because we have to share the fields. We want to Kihei Little League to become more competitive, but because of the lack of fields, it becomes a barrier. We are also the only Little League on Maui that has as late season start. Central, Upcountry and Lahaina, all start in January and are able to play each other. We aren't able to play with the other districts, because we don't have access to our fields. We share our fields with soccer and football. Not being able to play with the other districts also enables us. We don't see the competition we are up against till All Stars and we get demolished. Our kids work too hard, our volunteers, coaches and the board put in a lot of hours to see our kids not even have a fighting chance. We don't have a fighting chance because of the lack of fields, access to other unused fields and scheduling conflict.

I am writing to you because we want change. We want Kihei Little to grow and improve and in order to do that, we need more fields or have access to other fields so we can change our schedule and start our season at the same time as the other districts. How can you help us?

Sincerely,

Susel James