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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to rampant development in south Maui in the Kulanihakoi river drainage valley mauka of the Piilani Highway. First of all, there is insufficient infrastructure to handle the water supply, sewage, and drainage. This area floods frequently causing property damage, road closures, and lots of mud runoff flowing into and damaging nearshore coral reefs. The county already needs to spend \$60 million to fix this in Kulanihakoi river and another \$60 million to fix the Waipuilani river drainage through Kihei. Paving this area for commercial development would add even more runoff and increase the severity of this problem. Is the developer willing to spend over \$100 million to add infrastructure to address all of these issues? Probably not. I am also upset that someone changed the Kihei community plans to re-designate the land from residential to commercial. Is that the penalty we have to pay for electing deceptive developers to Maui County Council?

Sincerely,

John Gelert,  
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