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From: Chris Robb [crobb50@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 6:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HR91 and HCR91

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Dear Chairman Tsugi,

My name is Chris Robb, I am an organic Vegetable farmer and President of the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative. I am in favor of the two resolutions HR91 and HCR91. Our aging facility is in dire need of repair and upgrades, to increase energy efficiency as well as repair wear and tear that has occurred over the course of its lifetime.

The facility is the life blood of our Ag community here in Waimea, for us to remain economically viable and competitive these resolutions are a step in the right direction.

Thank you, and Rep. Cindy Evans, for your help.

Respectfully Yours,

Christopher J. Robb

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From: Howard [howard@pacificgreetings.com]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 7:35 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In Favor of HR 91/HCR 113

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To home it may concern:

I apologize for the hasty e-mail, but I just learned of your hearing date and time regarding HR 91/HCR 113. I wish to go on record in favor of this resolution. I represent Hall's Family Enterprises, LLC which owns a farm in the Waimea Lalamilo Farm Lots.

I am sure we all are aware of the growing need, and perhaps in the not too distant future a desperate need, to encourage more locally grown food production in Hawaii. Hawaii is the most remote spot on the planet and as such should be at the forefront of stainability initiatives in energy and food production.

The Kamuela (Waimea) Vacuum Cooling Plant sits in one of the most productive farming areas of the state and should be developed to its maximum potential to service the agricultural needs of the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Howard L. Hall

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From: Terri Greenwell [tgreenwell@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:09 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HR91 and HCR 113

Rep. Clift Tsuji.

RE: HR 91 and HCR 113

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Representative Tsuji,

I want to voice my support of HR 91 and HCR 113 for assisting and maintaining the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant as it is a vital part of sustaining agriculture in Waimea (Kamuela).

Sincerely,

David Greenwell

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TESTIMONY OF COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY GREENWELL,
HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL

TO THE HOUSE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 91 (HR 91)/House Concurrent Resolution 113 (HCR 113)

RELATING TO THE KAMUELA VACUUM COOLING PLANT

March 20, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Resolution 91 (HR 91) requesting that the Department of Agriculture consult with other public and private entities to develop a plan that would optimize the use of the Kamuela Vacuum Plant.

HR 91 is a necessary measure that addresses a situation that impacts the agricultural and the cattle industry on Hawai'i island, and specifically farmers within the Kamuela area. HR 91 also ensures that agricultural facilities such as the Kamuela Vacuum Plant are adequately maintained for the benefit and viability of Hawai'i's agricultural industry.

This measure is a typical opportunity for both Federal Stimulus and Federal Farm Bill funding and needs to be acted upon quickly.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present my comments in support of HR 91.

Very truly yours,

Kelly Greenwell, Councilmember

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cc: Representative Cindy Evans
Pete Hoffmann, Councilmember