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TO: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 19, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 217
AND SR 193, URGING FEMA TO FUND HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE
AND DEVELOPMENT**

I **support** these measures to urge FEMA to fund housing infrastructure and development.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The estimated cost of rebuilding after the August 2023 Maui wildfires is in the billions of dollars. Collaboration among and funding from all levels of government will be necessary to address this immense cost.
2. Having a decision tree for federal-support actions will increase public transparency and facilitate coordinated recovery efforts.
3. Having FEMA's ongoing support for Maui's housing recovery will be beneficial in working toward unified, streamlined, and coordinated efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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