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Hello Senators,

I'm here to express my strong support for SCR 95, which asks the County of Maui to look into the possibility of implementing a Universal Basic Income (UBI) program for residents and business owners affected by the 2023 Maui wildfires.

The 2023 wildfires have devastated countless lives on Maui. Thousands of residents have lost their homes, livelihoods, and sense of security. Many local businesses are struggling to rebuild, while the overall economic instability continues to strain the island's resources. As we continue with recovery efforts, it's crucial that we consider every possible way to support those who've been hit hardest by the disaster.

A Universal Basic Income program would provide immediate financial relief to residents and business owners who are still grappling with the aftermath of the wildfires. Evidence from past disaster recovery efforts, such as the My People Fund in Tennessee after the 2016 Gatlinburg wildfires, shows that direct financial assistance has a positive impact on individuals' well-being and long-term recovery.

I urge you to support the passage of this resolution and help Maui take the necessary steps toward implementing a program that can provide financial stability, alleviate economic strain, and promote overall well-being for our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Emma Heidenreich