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July 9, 2009

Honorable Governor Linda Lingle,
State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol, Executive Chamber
Honolulu, HI 96813

**SUBJECT: Support of SB 1248; ENTERPRIZE ZONE
PLEASE DO NOT VETO!**

Dear Governor Lingle,

On behalf of the entire Aloun Family farms, I as a business owner, ask for your support of the businesses in the Enterprise Zone and to NOT VETO SB 1248. We have been a company of 150 full time employees for over a decade. We have recently hired additional employees expanding to roughly 170 due to the availability of the work-pool. While others are contracting, I believe the half dozen agriculture entities in Central Oahu have expanded.

This bill is a positive encouragement for job creation. I understand the difficult state of economy that we are in bedded in and how we will need all the Tax dollar contribution that the State can muster to pull us all through. However, the few dozens of bright entities that are in the Enterprise Zone, particularly the agriculture industry, can use all the help to continue to expand in the next few years when other industries are taken the back step trend.

We are not asking for new hand-out of tax moneys or credits, we are simply asking that you let us keep the HALF-% that we earn so we can put it back in to hire and train new employees. That along with some of the benefits of this SB 1248, will allow for us businesses to quickly make infrastructure improvements while the interest remain low for the near future. If we don't hire more people, we don't get the benefits. What is soo wrong about a Bill such as this? I've personally supported majority of your policy and decisions on this very tough legislative season. Please help us to NOT VETO this one.

Mahalo & Aloha,

Alec Sou,
President & General Manager