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Roy K. Amemiya, Jr., Managing Director
Office of the Mayor
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Managing Director Amemiya,

RE: PALOLO VALLEY EARTH MOVEMENT

I am writing to you in regards to the earth movement at Kuahea Street and Waiomao Road in Palolo Valley, which residents believe is advancing into the valley and causing further damage. Recently, several residents contacted me to share photos illustrating extensive damage to properties, including collapsed structures, walls, driveways, and sidewalks.

Over the past few years, earth movement has been affecting numerous properties near and around this area, and the situation continues to worsen. Some residents were forced to move, while others are dealing with deteriorating foundations and structures on a daily basis.

I am very concerned for the safety and well-being of our residents, their properties, and the neighboring properties. Therefore, I respectfully request the City take immediate and emergency action to prevent further damage to these properties and to protect our residents who live at and near this dangerous situation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and please feel free to contact me to discuss further action that can be taken to resolve this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann H. Kobayashi".

Ann H. Kobayashi,
Councilmember, District V

Cc: Mark Yonamine, P.E., Director
Department of Design and Construction
Ross Sasamura, Director and Chief Engineer
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