



Friends with Farms Agricultural Cooperative

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Sustain Hawai'i and their Healthy Food Incentives Initiative. Our organization is based in Waimanalo and we are very conscious that much of Waimanalo's suburban neighborhoods are in Low Income and Low Access zones to fresh food. While we grow much of our food and product in Waimanalo there are only a handful of places available in the neighborhood for market access to that local produce, and much of the current members of the community have limited knowledge of where to get it.

Sustain Hawai'i is a seasoned supporter of community building efforts in Waimanalo and food resiliency in Hawai'i as a whole. We believe this proposed program can bring great benefits to the local Low income community by increasing access to the healthy, fresh, local produce that they need and helping them to make better dietary decisions for their health while also helping to increase market demand for produce from local farmers.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of Sustain Hawai'i's initiative. Our community would be grateful for your support.

Mahalo,

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