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J.C. King
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Dear Mr. King,

**RE: Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area
FUDS Project No. H09HI035922**

On behalf of the residents of Hawai'i Island, I would like to request the U.S. Army to change the direction of its Unexploded Ordinance Clearance Schedule and parcel out specific sites that are designated for affordable housing projects.

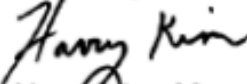
The State of Hawai'i is mandated to build 22,000 affordable housing units by the year 2025 and the County of Hawai'i has been actively seeking ways to meet its part of this mandate. Approximately two (2) years ago, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was made aware of concerns of unexploded ordinances (UXO) in the Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area. Since this notification, HUD has placed restrictions on new funding into this area, effectively stopping the development of four (4) multi-family, affordable housing projects that would provide desperately, needed housing for 1,564 families. In addition, there are two (2) existing affordable housing projects (consisting of 108 families), that need to have their properties surveyed and cleared to eliminate any danger from unexploded ordinances. These are:

Proposed:	Kamakoa Nui (County of Hawai'i)	1,200 units
	Plumeria at Waikoloa (JSM Enterprises)	200 units
	Waikoloa Family Affordable (Gary Furuta)	104 units
	Kaialulu O Waikoloa (Urban Housing)	60 units
Existing:	Waikoloa Gardents (Jack Hall Waikoloa)	24 units
	Ke Kumu Ekaki (State Hawai'i Housing)	94 units

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Again, I strongly urge your agency to parcel out these projects and schedule them for Ordinance Clearance work at the earliest date possible. I cannot emphasize the importance of clearing these subject parcels so as we can help our citizens make this island a better place to live.

Please contact Neil Gyotoku of my staff at (808) 961-8379 if we can be of any assistance in resolving this important issue.

Sincerely,

Harry Kim, Mayor

c: Senator Mazie Hirono
Senator Brian Schatz
Representative Colleen Hanabusa
Representative Tulsi Gabbard