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**From:** driskoji@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 11:31 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Protect Hawaii! Oppose HB1226, Support HB1663

Representative Clift Tsuji  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 403  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813-2425

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Sincerely,  
Jodi Drisko

Kilauea, HI 96754

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 11:43 AM  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Vickie Innis

Honolulu, HI 96825

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Sincerely,  
Lehua Kimberly

Hilo, HI 96720

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Sincerely,  
Angela Kirschbaum

Wailuku, HI 96793

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spring manju  
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makawao, HI 96768



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honolulu, HI 96816

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p.o. box 2  
Makawao, HI 96768

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 12:19 PM  
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Tracey schavone  
POBox 676  
Anahola, HI 96703

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Ann Strong

Keaau, HI 96749-9316

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Susan Windle

Kapolei, HI 96707

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Sincerely,  
Yoni Silberman  
PO Box 880010  
Pukalani, HI 96788-0010

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 1:15 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Protect Hawaii! Oppose HB1226, Support HB1663

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Ernest Messersmith

Haiku, HI 96708-4899

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Sincerely,  
Shaunagh Robbins

Honolulu, HI 96816

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 1:42 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Francesca Bishop

Kailua, HI 96734

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Jessy Sconfianza  
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Kahului, HI 96732

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 2:07 PM  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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Kapaa, HI 96746



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Makawao, HI 95768

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Sincerely,  
Dennys Eymard

Makawao, HI 96768

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Kapaa, HI 96746

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erika hahn

Kilauea, HI 96754

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B.A. McClintock  
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Honolulu, HI 96825-1346

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 3:54 PM  
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Terese Vaiceliunas  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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Makawao, HI 96768

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Sincerely,  
S. Jenkins



Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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Agriculture Testimony

**wooley1-Christopher**

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**From:** pualeafarm@hawaiiantel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 4:14 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Protect Hawaii! Oppose HB1226, Support HB1663

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Testimony

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Sincerely,  
Eloise Engman

Makawao, HI 96768

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 5:08 PM  
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Sandra Gray  
po box 641  
kapaau, HI 96755

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**From:** nina\_kai@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 5:19 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Sincerely,  
Nina Puhipau

Waialua, HI 96791

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 5:27 PM  
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Haiku, HI 96708

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 6:00 PM  
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Kapaau, HI 96755

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 6:36 PM  
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valancy rasmussen

Honolulu, HI 96822



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RR2 #3334  
Pahoa, HI 96778

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 7:42 PM  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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Gloria Faltstrom  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 9:28 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Kapaa, HI 96746

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**From:** gracelove@hawaiiintel.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 10:01 PM  
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grace pretre  
po box 790904  
paia, HI 96779

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 10:26 PM  
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Aiea, HI 96701

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2009 11:30 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Katherine Schwind

Hilo, HI 96720



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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 12:38 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Protect Hawaii! Oppose HB1226, Support HB1663

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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 403  
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lance springer  
Hilo, HI 96720

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 4:09 AM  
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Carol Holcomb  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 5:23 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Eleu Puhipau

Waialua, HI 96791

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Rebecca Branham

Lahaina, HI 96761

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 6:06 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
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Sherill Adams

Honolulu, HI 96816

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 8:06 AM  
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HCR1 Box 5247  
Keaau, HI 96749

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 8:49 AM  
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Kathryn Besio  
16 Luana Way  
Hilo, HI 96720



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mary anderson  
144 aleo st.  
kapaa, HI 96746

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 11:17 AM  
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P.O. Box 1974  
Kamuela, HI 96743

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Francis Akamine  
1360 Mele Manu Street  
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Hilo, HI 96720-6731

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Sachi Pedersen  
407 Kalama St.  
kailua, HI 96734

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 2:57 PM  
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walter chock  
1233 ala alii st apt 2  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 3:21 PM  
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326 Lala Place  
Kailua, HI 96734

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Dear Representative Tsuji,

As a consumer and supporter of healthy food and agricultural practices in Hawaii, I strongly urge you to oppose H.B. 1226 and any law prohibiting the state or county from regulating GMOs in Hawaii. The federal government has proven itself incapable of adequately regulating GM crops, as evidenced by scores of contamination episodes. Thus, state and county officials must retain their authority to set stricter standards than lax and unreliable federal regulators. This applies particularly to GM plants engineered to produce potentially hazardous, experimental pharmaceuticals, many of which have been grown in Hawaii. In 2006, a federal district court ruled that the USDA had failed to conduct a meaningful environmental assessment before granting permits to grow such hazardous "pharma crops." The state legislature must not rob state and county officials of the ability to protect Hawaiian citizens and Hawaii's fragile environment from such reckless activities. Community and consumer safety is endangered when local governments are prohibited from taking every step to ensure public safety.

Recent food safety disasters (i.e., peanut butter and spinach recalls) affirm the need to establish the broadest safety net possible. Consumers deserve and demand a comprehensive web of food safety standards, which must include state and county governments.

In addition, I urge you to support HB1663, the prohibition on the development, testing, propagation, release, importation, planting, or growing of genetically modified taro in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii needs local community oversight of GMO crops, such as the ban on GMO taro, to protect our health; our unique environment; our local farmers, laborers and economy; and consumer and community rights.

The people of Hawaii want, need and deserve more safe, healthy food--and should expect that their State and local government will be at work to protect them. I urge you to oppose attempts to weaken or limit State or County authority to regulate genetically modified crops and food in Hawaii.

Please oppose the preemption bill, HB 1226, and support the ban on GMO taro in the state, HB 1663.

Sincerely,  
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