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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair  
Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Dear Chairs Wakai and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Ruderman, and Committee Members:

**RE: HCR 107 Relating to a Statewide Program to Address Agricultural Theft**

For about a year, the Hawai'i County Prosecuting Attorney's office has had an investigator working on agricultural crimes, and we have received positive comments from the agriculture community about his work. This Resolution highlights the vulnerabilities agriculture has to theft and vandalism, and our news media has documented farmers who have gone out of business because of their losses.

We are hoping that continued state funding for the program on Hawai'i Island will be provided in SB 759, but also believe that a statewide program is warranted, based on the results achieved on the Big Island. Therefore, we fully support HCR 107.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR