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Subject: Teppy Mountain LLC (PL-SPP-2024-000075) Opposition Testimony
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Aloha Commissioners,

I am writing in strong opposition to the special permit application by Teppy Mountain LLC (PL-SPP-2024-000075). Beyond the clear zoning violations, I am writing to address the critical issue of accountability and the equal application of the law.

As a community, we recently saw the swift and firm legal action taken against the individual who harassed the monk seal "Lani." That case demonstrated that Hawaii does not tolerate the disrespect of our natural resources or our laws. The same standard of accountability must apply here.

The applicant has already held this event multiple times without a permit, accumulating over \$34,000 in fines which they are now appealing while simultaneously asking for a permit. Allowing a permit to be issued to a "bad actor" who has shown a pattern of disregard for our rules sends a message that environmental and zoning laws are optional for those with enough land or resources.

Furthermore:

Acreage Discrepancy: The use of 14.7 acres on a 1,400-acre parcel is a transparent attempt to bypass the 15-acre threshold for a more rigorous review.

Infrastructure Stress: Our rural roads and Highway 19 cannot safely support the traffic and noise associated with an event of this scale.

Our roads in general cannot safely withstand the increase of residents over the years. Let alone the fatalities due to all the driving under the influence. How many more lives must be taken before enough is enough?

Precedent: Granting this permit would set a dangerous precedent that it is easier to "ask for forgiveness" via a permit after the fact than to follow the law from the beginning.

I urge the Commission to uphold the integrity of our laws and the protection of our agricultural lands by denying this application.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Kaitlin-Abbey Sproat
Resident of Hilo