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Aloha e Kakou, Members of the Environmental Management Commission,

My name is Dale Kuamoo; I currently work at Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption and Hawaii has been my home all my life.

I am writing in support of the county landfill ban for certain recyclable items such as green waste, metals, plastics, paper, paperboard and glass from entering the landfill.

Here at Mr. K's we accept HI5, cardboard, glass, newspaper, and electronic waste; so most of the items mentioned in the ban would have a home here until shipped off island to be further broken down; i.e., scrapped for parts and/or recycled.

I definitely oppose incineration as an alternative. I see incinerating everything as wasteful. Farmer's could use cardboard/newspaper as ground covering for weeds. HI5 Aluminum, plastic, and glass can be recycled and sent off island to become new cans and bottles. E-waste can be shipped to processing plants to extract valuable metals. I don't see how burning all these items will benefit the environment, the land, or its people.

Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard in support of this county landfill ban.

Mahalo Nui and Many Blessings,

Dale Kuamoo