

October 18, 2013

Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor, County of Kauai
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Sent by Mail and Facsimile

Dear Mayor Carvalho,

Now that Bill 2491, as amended, has been passed by the Kaua'i County Council, Earthjustice and the Center for Food Safety would like to reiterate our commitment to defend the bill in the event of any legal challenge by the pesticide industry. We are working with interested community groups and individuals on a *pro bono* basis and are prepared to intervene in the event that the chemical companies challenge the bill in court.

Earthjustice is a national, nonprofit, public interest environmental law firm. Paul Achitoff has been Managing Attorney for the Honolulu office for the past twenty years, and during the past ten years he has focused on legal issues related to genetic engineering and the use of pesticides.

Center for Food Safety is a national, public interest organization with more than 300,000 members nationwide. CFS works to protect human health and the environment by curbing the use of harmful food production technologies. George Kimbrell is a Senior Attorney with CFS and practices environmental and administrative law in several areas including genetically engineered foods; transgenic plants, and pesticides

Together, we have worked together on several landmark lawsuits in Hawai'i and nationally concerning genetically engineered (GE) crops and pesticides. We are familiar with the state and federal laws directly and indirectly governing such crops and pesticides as well as other environmental laws.

As we stated in our letter published in the Garden Island on October 3, we believe that Bill 2491 is sound, and the mere threat of a lawsuit by industry interests should not prevent you or the County from taking action you believe is important to the community.

We urge you to allow Bill 2491 to become law. We will be there to defend it.

Respectfully,

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