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Community Wildfire Defense Grant review committee members:

This letter is to express Goodfellow Bros. strong support for the Malama Haleakala Foundation's request for CWDG funding. The recent Maui wildfires make clear the need for our at-risk communities to better manage fuel loads, fuel brakes, create defensible spaces, and be properly equipped to rapidly respond to wildfire events. It has also become clear that we cannot rely solely on our municipal first responders as they do not always have the capacity to respond to multiple, large scale fire events along multiple fronts. Private and public landowners all play an important role in creating and maintaining Firewise communities. This is especially true with a changing global climate, where the likelihood of more frequent and catastrophic wildfires is increasing.

As a member and vested Partner of Hawaii's wildfire prevention community, Goodfellow Bros. supports the Malama Haleakala Foundation's Leeward Haleakala Resilient Landscapes Project. The project meets the National Cohesive Strategy's three goals of creating 1) Resilient Landscapes, 2) Fire Adapted Communities, and 3) Safe and Effective Wildfire Response through the reduction of fuel loads and the continued maintenance of fire breaks at wildland urban interfaces.

Please feel free to contact us at your convenience for any questions you may have.
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bo McKuin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bo McKuin
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