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**Committee on Oversight and Accountability
Field Hearing on Assessing the Federal Government's Response
to the 2023 Maui Wildfires**

We want to hear your story. Below please provide your comments regarding your experiences or thoughts on the federal response and recovery to the Lahaina wildfires. Your response will help inform the Committee's oversight and any recommendations for future congressional action.

- ① MS. Potter mentioned ^{the Hurricane} Katrina disaster, and related to ^{the} Maui fires. ask Prevention is what Fed + County need to focus on.
- Just as New Orleans knew their levees were old and outdated, and could've been replaced to prevent displacement, ~~and~~ Similarly, Maui County knew of all the infrastructure issues for many years once sugar cane industry ~~closed~~ the fire risk increased as the guinea grass exploded in wet season + dried. Promote fire Risk PREVENTION! Focus on prevention! not 20/20 afterfact!
- ② I am a landlord, a business owner who didn't take SBA! Due to housing crisis FEMA created, I ^{am having issues} ~~can not~~ renting my 3/3 bath house in Kihei. Its sitting 2 months on market and I dropped the price 20%! and business in Lahaina lost 50%.
- ③ So far Fed gov. Ruined our market. Maui County let them. ~~But~~ Please think about consequences of your decisions.

*The official hearing record will be made public as part of the transcript. This will be posted on the Committee on Oversight and Accountability website at: oversight.house.gov

* SBA is not an option for me as they can take ^{my assets} home upon default. I do not want to risk my childrens home to secure a loan with SBA.