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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.

Mahalo for the unprecedented swift response of USAR & operational & logistical personnel. An Incident Management Team that's more familiar w/ local knowledge & customs would have helped early on. The many did employ/seek cultural leaders, it was (at times late). Many people just did not know where to turn for help, their frustration led to non-compliance or apathy. Fortunately the tenacity of the federal response is to be lauded and appreciated.

People are resilient and want to help. Pockets of organized help would ~~significantly~~ have grown under ~~the~~ I.M.T. team. Not just American Red Cross & such but "local grassroots organizations".

This hearing here on Maui lends creditability to the efforts of our federal leaders...

Again Mahalo, Mahalo, Mahalo
& Aloha :)