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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.

The house I was renting at the southern-most end of Front St. burned in the fire. If I recall correctly, it took at least ten days for the National Guard to show up and secure the affected areas. The lack of sufficient law enforcement in Lahaina during this time ~~led~~ ~~led~~ ~~led~~ ~~led~~ led ~~me~~ to massive looting of the affected areas, unattended homes and direct confrontations w/ residents. Residents + neighbors had to band together and protect their families and property with firearms and weapons. It was a very stressful time. Why did it take so long for the National Guard to arrive?