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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.

We own a business that burned down. We also have over 300K in Covid EIDL loans as well as disaster loans from our roof blowing off 2.5 years ago. Another SBA loan is helpful but there was only 6 months of no interest for Lahaina borrowers. The period of restoration will be much longer and no interest for the period of recovery would be most helpful.

Additionally - many - almost all residents are nervous about FEMA housing funding ending Feb 2025. Easing the anxiety and informing residents of the plan would be most helpful. Mr Fenton said he would extend - how long will the extension be?

An investigation into Lima Charlie's work is highly necessary as many feel they are simply incompetent as a business.

*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

Many homes rented by FEMA were not originally STRs; people were pushed out of LongTR. Reports of landlord abuse of the FEMA program were met with no resources to enforce violators / predatory behavior. 10 violations to the AG is a drop in the bucket of the reality of the crisis.

More transparency of qualifications, timeframes for programs would be most helpful.

If the Federal government can't afford to rebuild permanent housing - how do they expect homeowners to?

LOVE the idea of FEMA purchasing homes to eventually sell to HUD as long as they stay even with comps; don't raise the value of other properties unintentionally.