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Dear Mr. Mack:

**RE: STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. GARY HOOSER DURING THE  
APRIL 28, 2015 SYNGENTA SHAREHOLDERS MEETING**

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Gary Hooser was present during the April 28, 2015 Syngenta shareholders meeting in Switzerland, and announced public statements during that meeting. Although Mr. Hooser is an elected Councilmember of the Kaua'i County Council, this is to inform you that Mr. Hooser's statements were not made on behalf of the Council body, and were not in any way officially directed or sanctioned by the Council.

Additionally, please note that the referenced Kaua'i legislation, Chapter 22, Article 23, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended (also known as Bill No. 2491 and Ordinance No. 960), was ruled invalid by the Honorable Judge Barry M. Kurren of the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i on August 23, 2014. Furthermore, Judge Kurren's Judgment enjoins the County from enforcing the law. This ruling remains on appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and therefore the law remains invalid and has not taken effect. Accordingly, Syngenta could not possibly be in violation of this law.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division, at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO  
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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