

April 11, 2016

To: Peter Adler

From: Sarah Styan

RE: Resignation from JFFSG, Genetically Modified Crops and Pesticides

I am saddened and extremely disappointed to be submitting my resignation from the Joint Fact Finding Study Group, Genetically Modified Crops and Pesticides on Kauai.

As you know, I have been very committed to this process as a means to gather facts about pesticide use on Kauai which could serve as a basis for a more respectful and fact-based discussion in our community. Unfortunately, the process has been biased and conducted with an unscientific agenda in pursuit of an indefensible outcome.


It was clear to me throughout the process, but especially at our last meeting on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, that there was little interest in following the Charter of Commitments (attached) that we had all agreed to. These included a focus on the best data and evidence available, and willingness to modify personal or collective views when the cumulative evidence pointed in a different direction.

Besides the continuous display of disrespect and disdain for the three members who have since resigned, the group and its leadership demonstrated little interest in reviewing and seriously considering the more than 50 comments submitted by the public. The dismissal of these comments, as well as the refusal to use this final opportunity to correct the many flaws in the draft report and incorporate recommendations that match the factual findings, left me no choice but to withdraw from the process.

This JFF effort has resulted in a grave disservice to the community as the draft report and very likely the final report and recommendations, are not fact-based, are misleading, are unclear, and have no connection with the evidence.

I am providing an attachment that details why this process was so flawed as to require my resignation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Styan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah Styan

CC: Agriculture Chair Scott Enright, Mayor Bernard Carvalho.

Encs. Charter of Commitments, Joint Fact finding Study Group –Genetically Modified Crops and Pesticides on Kauai; Additional comments from Sarah Styan.