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Dear Director Tanoue,

We cannot continue to extend the closure date of Waimanalo Gulch Landfill. Nor can we continue to expand the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill. All that represents is an easy way out and not at all a solution to the problem of dealing with Oahu's trash.

We need to expand our resources and explore new technologies. It's absurd to hear the city say they need an additional 15 years while alternative technologies are developed. Why does the west side of the island have to continue to endure the burden of the entire islands trash? We need to be aggressive in finding alternative solutions. Other cities have been successful: we should look to them as role models for our situation.

At the very least, we need an alternative location, if not several to eliminate some of the truck traffic, blowing rubbish, and sometimes foul smells, that are all too often noticeable everywhere around the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill.

We implore you to do the right thing and not take the easy way out as so many of our politicians have done in the past. July 31, 2012 is the deadline for disposal of municipal solid waste, let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,

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