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**[EXTERNAL] Testimony for May 8, Agenda item K. 4.**

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**To** DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair and Members of the Board,

I am Eric Moto, president of the Mantokuji Mission of Paia Maui's administrative board. I humbly ask for your approval of a time extension for Emergency CDUP MA 21-10.

As a life-long and multi-generational member of this over a century old Soto Zen Buddhist temple, I have seen our Mantokuji Bay and temple grounds undergo many changes. In the last decade, the scope and scale of shoreline damage has been especially devastating, and the rapid rate of progression of erosion can feel unbelievable, but it is all too real for us.

We thank you for permitting the placement of a temporary sandbag structure to help protect our historic temple buildings. The sandbags are doing their best to protect parts of our shoreline from rising sea levels and stronger, more frequent wave events. Now we need more time to continue our efforts to develop longer-term, alternative, nature-based solutions to restore, preserve and protect our Bay. The work is not just for Mantokuji, but also for the turtles who come to rest, for local fishers and divers, for members of our community, and for visitors to Mantokuji Bay.

Once again, please approve a time extension of CDUP MA 21-10. Thank you for allowing me to testify and for your help and support.

Mahalo, Eric Moto - Mantokuji