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May 6, 1996

Mr. Alvin P. Silva
Director Secretary
Makaha Valley Plantation
Association
84-786 Ala Mahiku Drive
Watanae, Hawaii 96792

Dear Mr. Silva:

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns on behalf of the Board of Directors and owners of Makaha Valley apartments about the Commission's proposal regarding private restrictions on exterior antennas for certain video broadcasts. As you may be aware, we are required by the new Telecommunications Act to eliminate private restrictions that interfere with access to certain video broadcasts. The Commission is now considering public comments about how best to carry out this requirement. We will include a copy of your letter in the public record.

Please let me know if we can provide further information.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Blake Harris
Bureau Chief

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAKAHA VALLEY PLANTATION
ASSOCIATION OF APARTMENT OWNERS
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April 14, 1996

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Subject: Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Sir,

On behalf of The Board of Directors and owners of apartments in Makaha Valley Plantation, I ask you to reconsider the impact of overriding condominium restrictions on exterior antennas.

Our property has 572 units that are three stories high and surrounded by lush vegetation. Aesthetics are very important to maintain the very pleasing atmosphere we have. Allowing someone to install an exterior antenna with no restriction will degrade the appearance of our buildings. Our buildings are designed specifically to blend into the surrounding area. Antennas even as small as the mini dish of 18 inches will be detrimental to the aesthetics of our buildings.

However, this Board is sensitive to the needs of our homeowners and we will work to accommodate new technology. Associations must be allowed to work this out for themselves. Every association is different in its design, owners and aesthetics, but in every case it is governed democratically. In other words, majority rules and Board of Directors are aware of this. We cannot be governed by a minority of people who insist on having it their way and disregard the wishes of others.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ALVIN P. SILVA
Director Secretary,
Makaha Valley Plantation

cc: Senator Daniel K. Inoye
Senator Danial K Akaka
Representative Patsy T. Mink
Representative Neil Abercrombie