Dear

I am contacting you regarding your property on (insert street) in (subdivision name). Unfortunately, there are currently one or more albizia (Falcataria moluccana) trees growing on your property which are threatening neighboring property (provide specific description of the structure(s) threatened). Pictures of the tree and structure are enclosed.

As you may be aware, albizia is a very invasive species in Hawaii, and one of the fastest growing trees in the world. The wood is very brittle, and branches break off easily even during mild wind events and storms. You can read more about albizia trees on the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) website at www.BIISC.org/albizia.

These trees have been recognized by both our State and County as a serious threat. If a property owner does not resolve the problem, the State of Hawaii, through HRS 127A-18 is authorized to enter private property to remove or mitigate hazards. The State may seek recovery and reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred in the mitigation of the hazardous situation. Similarly, under County Code Chapter 14 (Sec 14-150, ordinance 20-86), the County of Hawaii has declared albizia to be “unsafe flora” and is authorized to remove the trees with costs passed on to the owners. Those of us who have had trees removed know that it is usually much less expensive to negotiate with the arborists yourself (you can find a list of local arborists on the previously mentioned BIISC website).

We are asking that you work with a certified arborist to have these trees removed and the hazard mitigated. Our community is committed to preventing the kind of problems we faced in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Iselle, where hundreds of homes were damaged and thousands of residents left without power due to fallen albizia. Please let us know within 30 days of receipt of this letter how you intend to handle this hazard.

You can contact me/us at

With aloha,