Dear

I am contacting you regarding your property on (insert street) in (subdivision name).

(Subdivision) is committed to ensuring that our area is a safe place for all of our residents. We are currently working with the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) to receive training in controlling trees that do not yet pose a direct threat as well as pursuing removal of hazardous trees that are threatening properties, roads, or power lines.

Our neighborhood volunteers have identified one or more hazardous trees growing on your property at (insert address and TMK#). The tree(s) in questions are threatening (provide specific description of the structure/road/utility line). Pictures of the tree and structure are enclosed.

As you are probably aware, Albizia is a very invasive species, 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 Governor may seek recovery and reimbursement, by appropriate proceedings, of all costs and expenses incurred in the mitigation of the hazardous situation. Similarly, under County Ordinance #20-22, 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.

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, most of which were caused by 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,