

**PETITION TO STOP THE PROPOSED RELEASE OF AN
ALIEN INSECT TO ATTACK STRAWBERRY GUAVA**

THE USDA FOREST SERVICE, WITH THE COMPLICITY OF THE HAWAII DOA AND DLNR, PROPOSE RELEASING AN ALIEN INSECT FROM BRAZIL, TECTOCOCCUS OVATIS, TO DAMAGE STRAWBERRY GUAVA TREES THROUGHOUT HAWAII. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED RELEASE. THIS METHOD OF BIOCONTROL IS NOT AREA SPECIFIC, AND WILL AFFECT EVERYONE'S USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE STRAWBERRY GUAVA, WHICH HAS BEEN IN HAWAII FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS. THIS INSECT WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT COMPENSATION, LIMIT OUR ENJOYMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INFRINGE ON HUNTING AND GATHERING RIGHTS, AND TAKE A FAVORITE, FREE FOOD FROM THE PEOPLE. WE NEED RESOURCES, NOT AN INVASIVE INSECT PEST.

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Return petition to SAVE THE GUAVA, P.O. Box 1880, Pahoa, Hawaii 96778. For info. Call (808) 935-5563.