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March 15, 2017

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair, Committee on Human Services
Senator Will Espero, Chair, Committee on Housing

Re: HB 1240, HD2 Relating to Appropriations to Address Homelessness – **SUPPORT**
Hearing: Friday, March 17, 2017; 2:45; Conference Room 016

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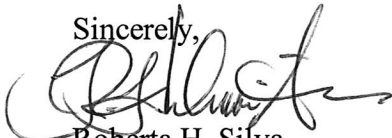
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A key learning from the CSHI operation is that for every one homeless person served, there were three individuals in the eviction process. As a direct result of CSHI, total evictions dropped by 25% on Oahu. We believe this effective prevention program must be one component of a comprehensive plan to address our homeless issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We urge your favorable consideration of HB 1240, HD2.

Sincerely,



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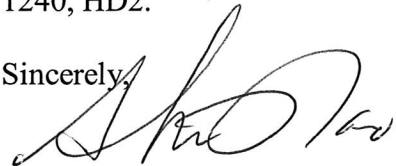
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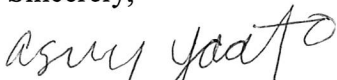
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