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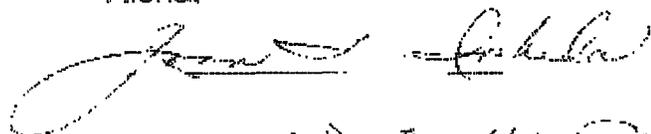
My name is Joan Ishida. I am a patient with COPD. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the US and expected to be the third leading cause of death in the US and world by 2020. The American Lung Association has estimated that over 50,000 people in Hawaii have COPD. Many, many more people in Hawai suffer from asthma, tuberculosis, pneumonia and other respiratory conditions.

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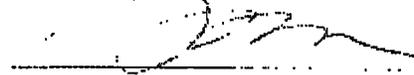
My name is Dollie Hinch. I am a patient with COPD. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the US and expected to be the third leading cause of death in the US and world by 2020. The American Lung Association has estimated that over 50,000 people in Hawaii have COPD. Many, many more people in Hawaii suffer from asthma, tuberculosis, pneumonia and other respiratory conditions.

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Michelle H. de la Cruz

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Dear Honorable Health Chair and Commerce and Consumer Protection Vice-Chair Senator David Ige, Honorable Commerce & Consumer Protection Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker, Honorable Health Vice-Chair Senator Josh Green, MD

My name is Elizabeth Lee. I am a patient with COPD. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the US and expected to be the third leading cause of death in the US and world by 2020. The American Lung Association has estimated that over 50,000 people in Hawaii have COPD. Many, many more people in Hawaii suffer from asthma, tuberculosis, pneumonia and other respiratory conditions.

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Friday, February 27, 2009
9:00 a.m.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL NO. 1332, S.D. 1, RELATING TO
HEALTHCARE.**

TO THE HONORABLE DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Program Specialist of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"). The DCCA appreciates the opportunity to present written comments in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1332, S.D. 1, Relating to Healthcare.

This bill proposes to regulate the practice of respiratory care by establishing a state respiratory care board and licensure requirements within DCCA. The DCCA has numerous concerns with the bill which have been subsequently presented to and shared with, the previous subject matter committee chairs in the form of a proposed S.D. 2.

We oppose this bill because in 1995, the Auditor conducted a sunrise analysis on the regulation of respiratory care therapists and the Auditor reported that regulation is not warranted. The report said that if improperly performed, respiratory care can cause harm. However, regulation is not necessary because sufficient protections already exist.

Should this bill continue to move forward and your Committee finds that the regulation of respiratory care practitioners is necessary, the DCCA needs to stress that additional costs will be incurred to administer this program. A cost analysis was provided to your Committee staff on February 21, 2009. We would ask for your favorable consideration for the staffing and the funding to implement this new regulatory program.

Thank you for the opportunity to present comments in opposition to S.B. No. 1332, H.D. 1.