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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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LATE TESTIMONY

Rep. Rida Cabanilla, Chair
Rep. Pono Ching, Vice Chair

To members of our COMMITTEE ON HOUSING:

STRONG SUPPORT FOR H.B.2357

Aloha my name is Alice Greenwood. I strongly support the intent of HB2357, and the Compact of Free Association Act CFA of 1985, Public Law 99-239.

The Federated States of Micronesia and its people has been given Sovereignty and financial settlement. When their person comes to Hawaii which is their neighboring island, again they are giving funding in our Social Services, which has already been done.

An example: Wai'anae homeless on the beach. When the Emergency Shelter opened we lacked, communication, transportation, financial, medical and ID. We were out beaten many, many times by those coming from afar.

They had phone (cell phones), transportation (some with SUV'S), financial (able to pay they'll program fee's), medical and the ID's.

When there's an opening in the shelter, our homeless would be the last in line, and sent back to the beach.

We are also the first to be kicked-out or written-up for non-compliance "even to vote", I did! And now we earned the stigma of "long term homeless".

What does this Bill 2357 does for us, an equal chance.

Thank You