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February 4, 2010

Ken Ito, Chair
Rida Cabanilla, Chair
Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources & Committee on Housing
House of Representatives
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honorable Chairs Ito & Cabanilla and Members of the Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and Committee Members of Housing:

Re: Support for HB2849 – Relating to Kakaako

We wish to offer our support of HB 2849, Relating to Kakaao, imposing reserved housing requirements for residential and commercial planned developmental projects.

We believe that this bill will assist in creating needed jobs for the island of Oahu when our economy is in a recession. This bill will also help in stimulating the construction of needed affordable housing. At this time there have only been building luxury units in the downtown area without looking for the needs of the hard working men and women of Hawaii. We feel it is essential that we create affordable housing in the area that people will work and play.

As such, this bill will not only create new jobs for our economy, but increase the affordable housing for local people.

Thank you for your time and consideration

LATE TESTIMONY**Heitzman Enterprises LLC**1330 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 908
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814HEARING ON HB 2849, February 8, 2010 @ 9:00 A.M.

February 6, 2010

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair
and Members
Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee
House of Representatives
State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Opposition to HB 2849-Concerning Kaka'ako

Dear Chair and Members,

I have been a resident of Kaka'ako for over 15 years. I have been a Real Estate Developer for 35 years in Hawaii and deeply care how this area is built out. I oppose HB 2849, because it would impose reserved housing requirements for the Kaka'ako Mauka area.

I envision Kaka'ako as a great place to live, work and play community. This area has real promise as a master planned neighborhood where residents and commercial uses co-exist among landscaped streets and open spaces.

It appears that HB 2849 envisions a different Kaka'ako where reserved housing is the first priority and aesthetics and a sense of community are irrelevant. By requiring the reserved housing units have "limited amenities" and not permitted to be in a "central air conditioned building" I fear Kaka'ako will become a neighborhood of non-descript, concrete towers. I oppose the Bill's vision for this area as a high-density community instead of a master planned one.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,



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