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The Hawaii Health Care Authority will bring together the finest minds, from the most significant backgrounds in healthcare to plan and prepare for a National Health Care system but also keeping the best of Hawaii's unique system of care and health financing. During these economically challenging times, the extension of this act provides an opportunity to put all the healthcare resources on the table in order to maximize those resources and eliminate duplicity and waste. It is time to envision a comprehensive system of care for all of Hawaii's citizens where no one is left out or left behind and precious resources are balanced between health, wellness and illness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I wish the best of health to all of you.