

LATE TESTIMONY



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To: Committee Chair Aquino and members, Public Safety & Military Affairs
Committee
From: Representative Marilyn B. Lee *Mary B. Lee*
Subject: Testimony in support of SB #782 SD2

Mr. Chair and members,

I stand in strong support of the measure. We have all been exposed to the ear splitting noise of homemade "bombs."

Whether made with dry ice, explosive materials, or parts of other fireworks, these devices can not only hurt and terrorize citizens and animals but can also be deadly to the maker. It can also have a negative effect on sufferers of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD.)

In addition, with the coming of the APEC summit, any device which could mimic gunfire or explosives would be a potential problem; and could lead to lots of negative publicity for the state. It could also lead to confusion and chaos.

This bill which creates a distinct offense, and separate from offenses under Section 134-8 is needed, especially with the coming of APEC. I encourage the member's support of this important measure.