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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SCR47. Please pass this resolution. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Vice-Chair, Veterans Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawaii

<u>SCR-47-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 4/1/2021 6:40:02 PM Testimony for CMV on 4/7/2021 9:00:00 AM

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Carlos A. Santana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Do the right thing.

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LARRY S VERAY

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS, MILITARY & VETERANS

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SCR47 SD1

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO RECOGNIZE A PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTION FOR CHRONICALLY ILL VETERANS WHO WERE STATIONED AT KUNIA FIELD ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU.

April 4, 2021

Aloha, Chair Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair Sonny Ganaden and Committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR47 SD1. Although I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, I am submitting this testimony as an individual and as a retired U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer very knowledgeable on Kunia Field Station and the potential toxic hazards that could have exposed hundreds of military service members and civilians who worked at the activity over the past three decades.

I most strongly urge you to pass SCR47 SD1 because I personally know of many military shipmates who worked at the facility that our now deceased from a number of illnesses that could have been related to their health issues because of all the construction work that was done to the facility over the many years. There was a great deal of asbestos removed from the facility during several renovations and construction work. In addition, it was common knowledge that pesticides were being sprayed over the fields above the facility with possibly that air being drawn into the facility. Furthermore, our military leaders and young personnel who worked in the facility are now retired veterans with several medical issues and they deserve the respect and support to help them as they try to mitigate their health issues or worst case the few year's they may have because of this potential toxic situation that occurred during their honorable and important service to our country. I too made many visits to this facility over the past four decades and now I suspect some of my own health issues could be related to this situation.

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray