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The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair  
and Members  
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Lowen and Members:

**SUBJECT: HR 141 / HCR 149: Urging the United States Navy to Provide Consistent, In-Person Participation at Community Representation Initiative Meetings Related to Red Hill Remediation Efforts**

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The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Resolution 141 and House Concurrent Resolution 149, which urges the United States Navy (Navy) to provide consistent, in-person participation at Community Representation Initiative (CRI) meetings related to Red Hill remediation efforts.

Following the May and November 2021 fuel releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (Red Hill Facility), thousands of families reported health symptoms after using water from the contaminated Red Hill Shaft. In collaboration between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Navy, the Defense Logistic Agency, and members of the public, the CRI was established after the 2023 Red Hill Administrative Consent Order (ACO) received over a thousand of supportive comments to increase public engagement in the defueling and closure of the Red Hill Facility and as a mean to rebuilt public trust.

Over the years, the Navy's attendance of CRI meetings drastically decreased, and ground rules imposed on the public and CRI to ask questions increased. In 2025, the Navy attended only three (3) CRI meetings out of the twelve (12) meetings held. However, on February 11, 2026, EPA approved the Navy's 2026 Community Engagement Plan without consulting the CRI nor the public. As a result, the Navy is no longer required to attend CRI meetings.

The Navy's excused attendance of CRI meetings will not rebuild public trust.

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The Navy's continued participation in the CRIs is important to promote transparency, address community concerns, and ensure open communication with the public, which is critical during the environmental remediation efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HR 141 / HCR 149.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Y. W. Lau', with a large, stylized flourish at the beginning.

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/21/2026 11:05:36 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Bohlen	Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT!



## Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

### Testimony of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

**STRONG SUPPORT FOR HCR 149/HR 141** to urge the US Navy to resume participation in communications with the community relating to Red Hill

Hearing: House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection (EEP)  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Room 325 & Video

**LATE**

Aloha, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports **HCR 149/HR141**, which emphasize that the Navy should not turn its back on the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative (CRI) and the larger community, especially as questions and concerns regarding the long-term health of people and 'āina continue to mount.

Last month, with no opportunity for public comment, the EPA announced that the Navy would no longer be required to meet with the Red Hill CRI. This announcement came after the EPA declined to fine the Navy for missing a majority of CRI meetings as required, and after the EPA and Navy then imposed "ground rules" that gave them veto authority over CRI agenda items.

It also came in the midst of growing concerns regarding the federal government's response to the Red Hill water crisis, from the Navy's ongoing use of jet fuel-impacted water tanks that have not been cleaned since 2012; to discoveries of rampant water testing irregularities, and accusations of the Navy's "spoilage" of critically needed water samples; to the lack of any investments in all but the most preliminary remediation research efforts, over four years since the 2021 catastrophe.

This latest move was an untimely affront to the CRI's representatives - who have endeavored for over two years to bridge the widening gap between the Navy, EPA, and community - as well as to the general public, and all who have entrusted the CRI with carrying and uplifting the community's concerns to the federal government.

The reality of the matter is that the Navy has, from the outset, not participated in good faith in the information exchanges that were contemplated by the consent agreement.



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Please make it clear that Hawai'i's Legislature stands with our community, our water, and our future generations, in calling for the Navy to engage with the CRI, as the only trusted, community-driven venue for transparency, accountability, and meaningful engagement with the entities responsible for the Red Hill catastrophe. Please PASS HCR 149/HR 141.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this important resolution!

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**Environmental Caucus Democratic Party of Hawai'i**

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March 24, 2026

TESTIMONY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS  
To the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection  
In Support of

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**HR 141/HCR 149 - URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PROVIDE  
CONSISTENT, IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY  
REPRESENTATION INITIATIVE MEETINGS RELATED TO RED HILL  
REMEDICATION EFFORTS**

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair and members of the committees:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HR 141/HCR 149 - Urging the United States Navy to Provide Consistent, In-person Participation at Community Representation Initiative Meetings Related to Red Hill Remediation EFFORTS.

The mission of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is to effectively advocate for the educational, civic, health, cultural, economic, and social well-being of our lāhui. We have advocated for the expedient and full remediation of the Red Hill Fuel Facility for many years, including the adoption of Association Resolution 2024-61 URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT WEEKLY THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF ALL NAVY MONITORING WELLS AND DRINKING WATER WELLS FOR CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAVY'S BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY AT KAPŪKAKĪ (RED HILL) AND TAKE REMEDIATION ACTION IF NECESSARY. To date, the Navy has not adequately addressed the concerns raised by the Association and the adverse impacts to O'ahu continue.

Jet fuel and fuel additives have contaminated our wai, poisoning a precious resource essential to life and the well-being of our communities. Meaningful in-person stakeholder engagement in the Community Representation Initiative (CRI) meetings is necessary to ensure transparency, accountability, and genuine dialogue with affected residents and stakeholders. Without such engagement, there is a risk that information presented to the CRI may not fully reflect community concerns or lived impacts.

Protection of our wai is fundamental to the health and safety of current and future generations of Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i citizens. Meaningful engagement in the remediation process is essential to restoring trust and ensuring that the work at Kapūkakī proceeds with appropriate safeguards for present and future generations.

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of 61 individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs and 3,000 members located across Hawai'i and across the continental United States.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this measure.



## Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

### TESTIMONY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR149 / HR141 URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT, IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION INITIATIVE MEETINGS RELATED TO RED HILL REMEDIATION EFFORTS

House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection (EEP)  
Chair Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair Amy Perruso, and Members of the Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

**LATE**

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i **strongly supports** HCR149/HR141, which urges the United States Navy to resume consistent, in-person participation in Community Representation Initiative (CRI) meetings related to Red Hill remediation.

The CRI was added to the 2023 Administrative Consent Order at the request of affected residents to ensure that community voices were included in oversight of Red Hill closure, monitoring, and long-term remediation. As the resolution notes, CRI meetings were held from September 16, 2023 through December 16, 2025, providing a critical venue for transparency, accountability, and direct engagement between the Navy and impacted communities.

Melodie Aduja served as one of the original ten members formally elected to the inaugural CRI Board in 2023, representing the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. After completing our two-year terms, our positions **concluded** to allow new members and new perspectives to join the CRI. This firsthand experience gives the Environmental Caucus a clear understanding of how essential consistent Navy participation is to maintain trust and ensuring accurate, timely communication with affected residents.

However, on February 11, 2026, the Navy's obligation to attend CRI meetings was removed under the newly approved 2026 Community Engagement Plan. This withdrawal has weakened public trust and reduced the community's ability to receive

timely updates on water quality, remediation timelines, and environmental safeguards—especially given that fuel remains trapped in the complex geology beneath the facility.

The Environmental Caucus believes that in-person participation is essential for meaningful dialogue. Virtual or intermittent engagement cannot replace the accountability and transparency that come from being physically present with the families, residents, and stakeholders who continue to live with the consequences of the 2021 Red Hill water contamination, which affected 93,000 people and forced evacuations and medical care for thousands.

HCR149/HR141 appropriately calls on the Navy to:

1. Return to consistent, in-person CRI participation;
2. Provide regular public updates on water quality testing, remediation progress, and environmental safeguards; and
3. Engage directly with affected residents in a clear, timely, and transparent manner.

These expectations are not extraordinary—they are the minimum necessary to rebuild trust and ensure that the Navy's remediation efforts remain aligned with the health, safety, and well-being of Hawai'i's people.

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus respectfully urges the Committee to pass HCR149/HR141.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Environmental Caucus Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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**SIERRA CLUB**  
OF HAWAII

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Marchh 24, 2026

9:00 AM

Conference Room 325

**In SUPPORT of HCR149/HR141: URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT, IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION INITIATIVE MEETINGS RELATED TO RED HILL REMEDIATION EFFORTS.**

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS HCR149/HR141**, which urges the U.S. Navy to follow through on its long-neglected commitment to engage meaningfully with the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative (CRI) in its actions and inactions in the ongoing Red Hill water crisis.

Revelations over the past several months have raised many new and growing concerns regarding the actions and omissions of the U.S. Navy in the lead-up to and aftermath of the November 2021 Red Hill catastrophe. These include:

- The ongoing use of Navy drinking water tanks that have not been inspected or cleaned for a decade or longer, despite jet fuel contamination in 2021, and the presence of observable sediment that can harbor toxins and pathogens even in disinfected water;
- Continual reports of flare-ups of health symptoms associated with exposure to Navy-provided drinking water, similar to or consistent with those seen after the November 2021 catastrophe;
- Numerous water testing irregularities, including the arbitrary re-extraction of samples months after their holding times expired, and the unexplained redaction or replacement of chromatograms;
- Arbitrary decisions to limit water testing methods and testing results to certain analytes and not others;
- The continued failure of groundwater models, in development since 2015, to provide verifiable indications of where groundwater underlying Kapūkakī may migrate;
- The continued lack of a contamination fate and transport model, originally required in the 2015 Administrative Order on Consent, to provide an indication where various contaminants released from the Red Hill facility may migrate over time;
- The continued lack of groundwater monitoring infrastructure needed to otherwise understand where the Red Hill contamination plume may be located and/or migrating to;
- Water well reactivation proposals based on untested filtration systems that may or may not be able to filter “slugs” of contamination that could migrate into well intakes;
- Ongoing long-term physical and cognitive health effects among those impacted by acute jet fuel exposure in 2021;
- The recognition of potential if not likely pre-November 2021 chronic exposure to drinking water contamination, by both the Hawai'i Department of Health and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine;



- The proposed use of fuel-absorbing foam in miles of pipelines that may remain in the Red Hill facility and above our sole-source aquifer that may degrade and create additional health and environmental risks over time;
- The proposed use of preservative epoxy on the interior of decommissioned Red Hill fuel tanks that may or may not degrade and create additional threats to our aquifer over time; and
- The ongoing lack of investment in proactive remediation research and strategies to remove jet fuel from our sole source aquifer;

among many, many other pressing community concerns.

Since its establishment in the 2023 Red Hill Administrative Consent Order, the Red Hill CRI has been the **only** entity that has consistently carried and uplifted such concerns to the Navy and EPA, and urged that they be addressed rather than ignored or downplayed as a matter of public safety, trust, and accountability.

However, rather than take the insight and opportunities presented by the CRI to demonstrate its commitment to public transparency and engagement, the Navy more often than not has declined to comply with its legal commitments to meet with the CRI.

Now, the EPA has formally excused the Navy of its legal obligations to meet with the CRI under a revised Red Hill Administrative Consent Order. Notably, no public comment was solicited before the EPA made this significant change to the Navy's obligations, despite the nearly 2,000 public comments that had led to the creation of the CRI in 2023.

This resolution accordingly makes clear that the Hawai'i Legislature stands with the Red Hill CRI and the general public, and fully expects the U.S. Navy to not walk away from the commitments it has made to engage meaningfully with the community, hold itself accountable, and build the trust and credibility it has lost after years of dismissing our concerns over its decrepit Red Hill facility.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i urges the Committee to **PASS** HCR149/HR141. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

**LATE**

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/24/2026 12:17:46 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Janice K T Shiira	Shimanchu Wai protectors	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 2:19:47 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong Support HCR149

Dana Keawe

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/21/2026 9:23:07 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY SUPPORT

141 HR URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT, IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION INITIATIVE MEETINGS RELATED TO RED HILL REMEDIATION EFFORTS.

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 10:45:41 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leslie Corpuz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this common sense bill. It seems to me this problem has dragged on too long. Progress would be much more efficient and worthwhile if communication could be consistently in person. We are all aware of the inevitable delays that occur when communication travels electronically from desk to desk.

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

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Please make it clear that Hawai'i's legislature stands with our community, our water, and our future generations, in calling for the Navy to continue engaging with the CRI, as the only trusted, community-driven venue for transparency, accountability, and meaningful engagement with the entities responsible for the Red Hill catastrophe. Please PASS HCR149/HR141.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 5:03:29 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 5:19:47 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sydney Chung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 5:21:57 PM  
Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DIANE CHOY FUJIMURA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Diane Choy Fujimura.

You MUST pass HCR149/HR141 and not let the Navy off the hook...they have been able to shirk all responsibility for the Red Hill fuel disaster and have demonstrated their total disregard for the damages they have caused to our 'aina and our people.

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Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Diane Choy Fujimura

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 6:12:02 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

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Me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Member

Hawai'i Workers Center Board Member

Clean Elections Hawai'i Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai'i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai'i Member

Hawai'i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 6:13:42 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is to encourage in person participation by the US Navy in discussions pertaining to Red Hill. This has been going on for much too long and needs to be resolved.

Thank you ... Rita Kama-Kimura

**LATE**

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 6:34:30 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Volcano HI 96785-0698



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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 6:54:19 PM  
Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**The Navy needs to be held accountable for what they did to the aquifer below Red Hill. And they, and the EPA, must attend the Red Hill Community Representation Initiative meetings!**

**The Navy has deceived the citizens of Hawai'i for decades by not immediately disclosing all the leaks; and more often, denying that they existed;**

**Refusing to attend the meetings is like the oily water they created - - - taking the path of least resistance.**

**I FULLY SUPPORT these resolutions.**

**LATE**

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 7:04:12 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I FULLY SUPPORT this resolution.**

**The Navy is FULLY RESPONSIBLE for the contamination of the land and water under Red Hill so they must attend the meetings to hear from the residents of O'ahu.**

**LATE**

**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 8:54:09 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/24/2026 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

After all the incompetence, denial, stonewalling, and harm, the least the Navy can do is show up at CRI.

mahalo,  
Cory Harden

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**HCR-149**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 11:19:24 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Nishihara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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This latest move was an untimely affront to the CRI's representatives - who have endeavored for over two years to bridge the widening gap between the Navy, EPA, and community - as well as to the general public, and all who have entrusted the CRI with carrying and uplifting the community's concerns to the federal government.

Please make it clear that Hawai‘i's legislature stands with our community, our water, and our future generations, in calling for the Navy to continue to engage with the CRI, as the only trusted, community-driven venue for transparency, accountability, and meaningful engagement with the entities responsible for the Red Hill catastrophe. Please PASS HCR149/HR141.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify,

Ashley Nishihara

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Christy Shaver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Christy Shaver

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**HCR-149**

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Lila Mower	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this resolution.