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From: Debi Roblin [mailto:droblin@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 10:13 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Budget Committee Testimony for 4/4/2012
Importance: High

Dear Darcie, I can't open the server to that website. My testimony is for Bill 12. I put that down on the original website inquiry that I logged into. Will you please indicate "BILL 12" on my testimony since I am not able to get into the link you sent me. Thank you very much.

Mahalo, Debi

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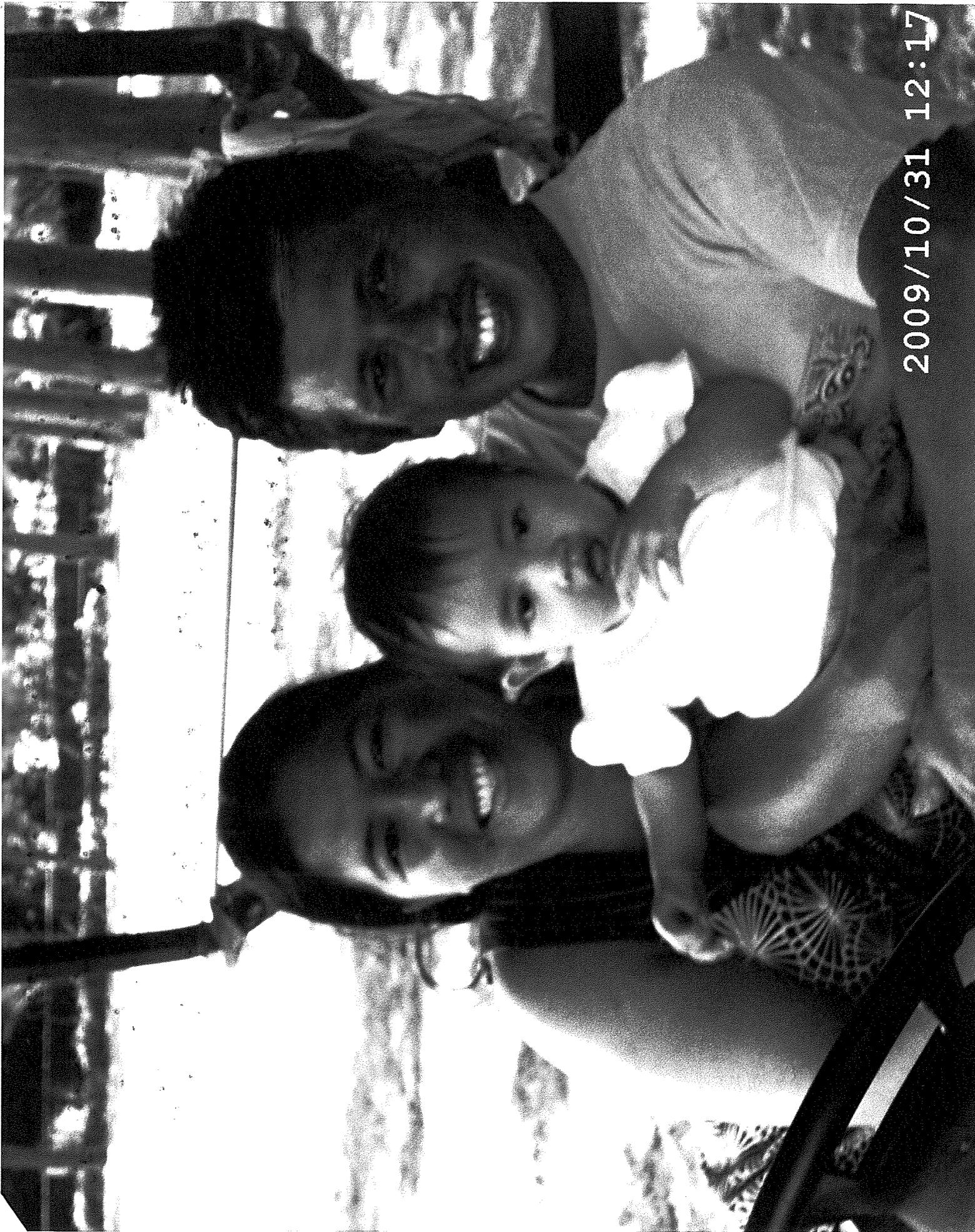
> Subject: Budget Committee Testimony for 4/4/2012

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> Dear Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, My name is Debi Roblin. I own Circle C Equestrian Center In Waimanalo. I am here to address the ramifications that passing Bill 44 would create in the Hawaii Horse Community and our State as a whole. Also, I want to address my personal situation as it pertains to Bill 44. First of all, you are OUR elected officials, supposedly with OUR best interests in mind when you draft Bills, and then pass them. WHY then, did not one council member, representing the AG/ Horse Communities, tell us about this Bill, it's contents, and it being passed? You passed Bill 44 in the dark of night, probably hoping it would be implemented before it was too late for public protest and outcry. The DOMINO Effect Bill 44 will create: 1) Many businesses will be forced to close, including mine. 2) There will be no place for horses to go. If not on AG land....where then?.....tied to the fence of the ASPCA? 3) I will be forced, by you, to let my employees go. That will be 3 full-time people jobless, and on unemployment from my business alone (multiply this for every horse related business). Also, 10 people from my barn will be homeless, as I provide housing for my employees and their families. 3) The 2 feed stores we patronize will loose big business. 4) Bill 44 will put the islands Farriers out of business. 5) Our Equine (horse)Vets will be drastically affected economically, 6) Horse Trainers will be unemployed. 7) No riding lessons for children and adults. 8) No horse manure for the Farmers and Nurseries (they are forced to use chemical fertilizers instead - which end up in our ground water and ocean water) 9) We have almost all of our horse products shipped in from the mainland, I'm surprised Young Brothers and Matson aren't testifying here because, even they, will see a big dent in their business. And finally, 10) the state looses revenue because you've cut off a big tax generating part of our State.....HORSES.

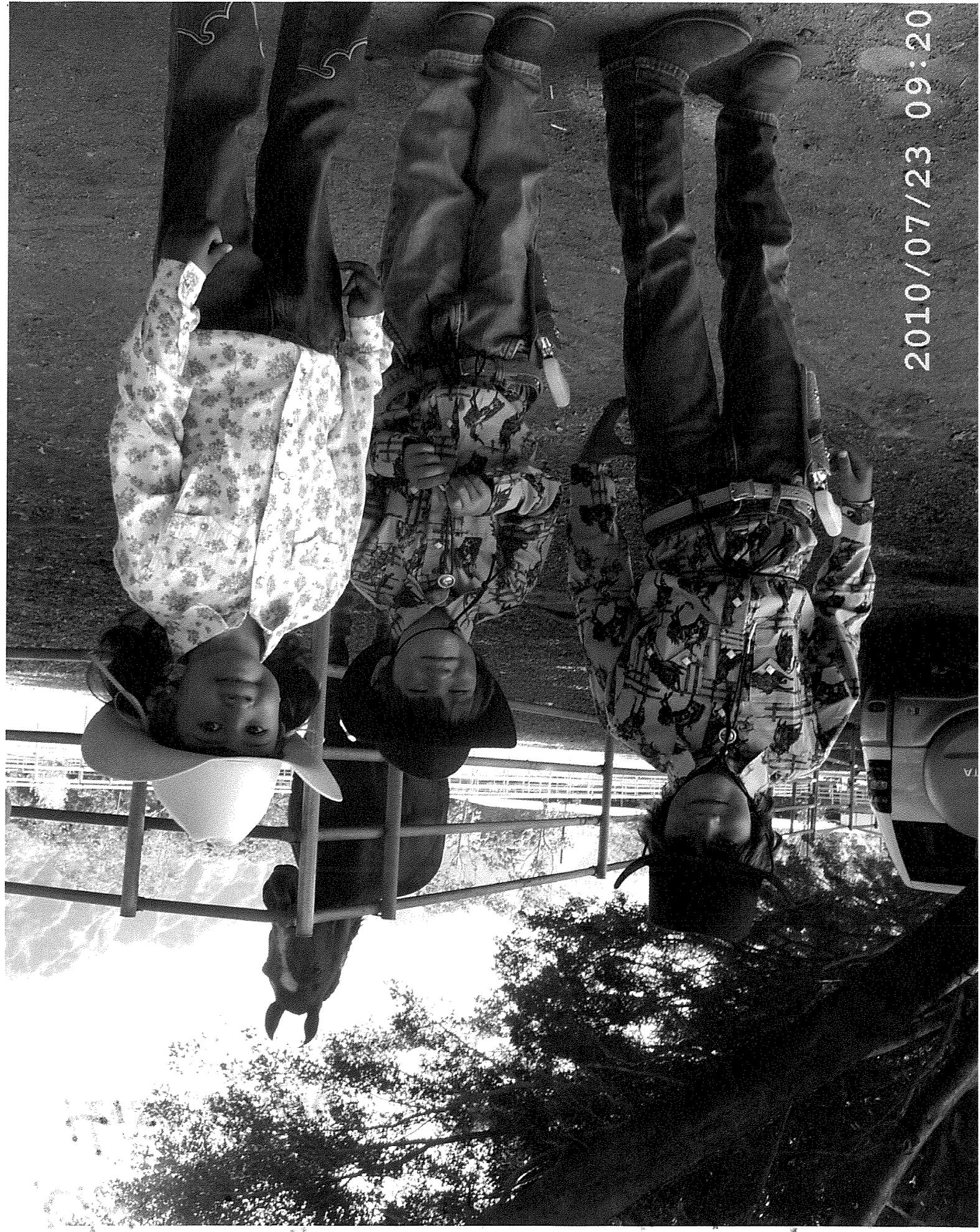
My personal situation; Circle C, LLC : I bought a HORSE BOARDING / RECREATIONAL FACILITY on 12/ 31/ 2003. I have Conditional Use Permit 2000/ CUP - 111 AND Existing Use Permit 2004/ EU - 27. The EPA made me put in 6 Septic Systems & Leach Fields to comply with a regulation requiring Large Capacity Use Toilets to be upgraded from Cesspools. I AM NOT A FARMER. I DID NOT BUY A FARM. When we were contemplating buying this business, "taxes" were carefully considered and weighed before we continued on with the sale - as any prudent Buyer would do. NOW, the Rules have changed. These Rules will effectively destroy my

business when implemented. The City is therefore CONDEMNING my business as it stands. When the City condemns a property, the property owner is compensated by the City, at the current Fair Market Value, assessed by the City. The Real Property Tax Division has assessed Circle C at approx. \$9,300,000.00. On 3/29/12, I appealed this valuation at a hearing. I showed proof of comparable sales that confirmed this valuation of my property is absurd, but I was shot down by the Board. So they can have the valuation stand. I will take a Cashier's Check for the \$9 Million, please. When are the elections for City Council Members? Thank you , Debi Roblin, owner of Circle C, LLC.



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Capri on "Lucky" (Rescued Horse)

Week 2 Halloween Costume Contest