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Cc: Gabbard, Tulsi; Anderson, Ikaika; Kobayashi, Ann; Garcia, Nestor
Subject: Appose Bill 11

Aloha all,

We are a local, non profit social group, for a group called All Things Ohau! I am the founder and main Organizer for the group. My fellow organizers and I help locals go out and find cheap and fun ways to explore Oahu and try to keep the costs minimal for all involved, yet try to support local business as much as we can. We are all volunteers and advocates for Oahu by giving people access to group rates, local spots and sharing our love for the islands to attract more people to visit the island, spend money to support the island and the community.

Twogood Kayaks has been our sponsor for the past 3 years since the existence of our group, we've relied on Twogoods to help not only deliver kayaks for our group of 358 members (and growing) but his company also helps us cut costs by allowing us group rates in addition to our Kama'aina rates and military discounts. We have used Bob's shop mainly because of the convenience, but mostly because we want to see local businesses grow and prosper.

This bill will take away his company's livelihood and I truly feel that that bill will begin the process of eliminating small businesses from the market. Bob's company has been very quick to deliver, drop off, and leave the area in a very timely manner. They don't create traffic jams because we are encouraged by the shop to carpool to Kailua Beach and they do a splendid job selling the town Kailua and really remind us to respect the land and waters of Oahu.

They are not only a business, but I've grown to feel that Bob's Twogood Kayaks shop has become ohana and I refer all my business to him and if he cannot sustain a way to continue to deliver kayaks of people like me who can bring in 30-40 people for each event I host, then eventually the chain reaction will start and we will stop supporting the town because we have no other means of transportation for kayak rentals and discounted rates to enjoy the town and it's oceans and eventually, other shops will start being affected in one way or another.

I am writing in a selfish effort to seek your help, a monopoly of one company will eventually cost the city additional revenue it otherwise would have received from patrons like myself.

Thank you very much for your consideration, on behalf of All Things Oahu, I urge you all to oppose Bill 11 and help us help support local businesses and keep the mana of our island about the people and for the people.

Mahalo,

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Founder and Head Organizer of All Things Oahu!