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My name is Ann Marten. I have lived in Kailua since 1979 and have raised my children here and now my grandchildren are growing up here. I feel it is extremely important to pass Bill 11. Kailua is a resource for all the people of Oahu and Hawaii. We are so blessed to have it at our disposal. However, if Kailua and Kailua beaches are taken over by businesses whose only concern is making lots of money using resources they don't have to pay for or maintain, then we all lose. The people of Oahu do not want Kailua to become a second Waikiki. Local people basically avoid Waikiki like the plague. We don't want them to feel they have to avoid Kailua. Our taxes pay for the maintenance of the town and the beaches and the emergency services used by the companies that take inexperienced tourists, most of whom can't swim, into the ocean, no matter what the weather is like. They are a danger to swimmers, snorkelers, body boarders and others. I don't want my grandson's to be clobbered and hurt by an inept kayaker or board sailer so someone else can make a lot of money. I don't want the right of ways and ocean fronts cluttered up with kayaks waiting for busloads of tourists who add nothing to our town. The shops cater to them, not residents--mainly because Kaneohe Ranch has planned it that way and raised the rents. The jobs that these companies provide are few and very poorly paid. I doubt the provided the kind of salaries that would allow the employees to live in Kailua comfortably. I am definitely not against tourists. I like tourists. But, Kailua and its beaches are a precious resource and must be managed as such--not just left open for anyone to shamelessly exploit.

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