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Council Chair Ernie Martin and Members of the City Council
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Aloha Council Chair Martin and Members of the City Council!

My name is Angel Pang and I am humbly requesting your **support for Bill 11** (2013) CD2. I have been with the Dyslexia Tutoring Center of Hawaii, Inc. (DTCH) since its conception in 2004. I am a dyslexic individual and the daughter of Margarete Pang, but that is not why I am asking for your support.

Dyslexia comes in different severities. From a very young age my brother has struggled in school. His experiences were horrendous and he suffered from humiliation and abuse from his teachers. It was not until he was in middle school that our family was aware of the cause of his struggles, Dyslexia.

By that time he was grade levels behind his peers and he had difficulty catching up. He had become a very dark and angry person. Though I am also dyslexic, my struggles seemed mild compared to my brother's. It didn't seem fair that he had it harder than I did. I helped my brother and his friends, who were also dyslexic, with their homework and projects, because I couldn't stand by and watch them strife.

Without the support and understanding my brother received, he would not have been able to graduate. He would have probably dropped out. It is my brother's struggles and the struggles of his friends that inspired me to take this path.

DTCH has made it a priority to help those in poverty and have done so for 9 years. If the children don't know how to read and write, how will they be able to become productive members of society?

Many of our students don't see the "light" ahead. They are prepared to accept the same fate that has been thrust upon their 'ohana. We, DTCH, strive to change that. We not only educate these students, but we empower them to seek their best abilities. Don't we all want to educate our keiki and lower poverty?

This bill is much needed. There is no other place, throughout the state, that can do what DTCH has been doing for the dyslexic community. DTCH tries it's best to service as many students as possible, but it is very difficult without a secure site.

Too often we are unable to service our students for the length of time they need because our location changes. This is why Bill 11 (2013) CD2 is important to me.

Through my journey with DTCH I have come across countless individuals with the same struggles as my brother. These individuals should not have to experience what he had. DTCH can help prevent others from suffering the same pain my brother had, while providing them with a safe, comfortable and **stable** place to go.

Mahalo for your time,

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