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Dear Counsel Chair Ernest Y. Martin,

I am writing to you to show my support of the grant funds for Bill 11 (2013), (H.D. 2013-002), the acquisition or lease of a property or properties that shall serve as a center (or centers) to tutor individuals in reading, writing, spelling and handwriting.

I work for the Dyslexia Tutoring Center of Hawai'i, Inc.; I know first-hand how important it is for this bill to pass. I see the faces that this bill would affect, and most of them are the faces of children. The people that come to us for services are in dire need of help, how would we be able to provide them with that help, if funding to support what we do is taken away? We work extremely hard at what we do! We try our best to serve the people of Hawai'i with their struggles of dyslexia, and reading, writing, spelling, and handwriting.

Reading, writing, spelling, and handwriting, four simple words, but these four simple words are the keys to success in the lives of each and every individual student that walk through our doors. From children to adults, I have seen **lives change** because we have helped them with these "basic fundamentals." I have watched people grow from docile, frustrated individuals into confident social butterflies, who are so proud of themselves because they are able to read a story out loud, and who are able to self-advocate and stand up for themselves. We are not helping with just reading, writing, and spelling, but with their overall well-being, because they are getting better and being able to read, write, and spell, they're whole attitude and outlook on everything changes, school gets better because they are have less difficulty in class, self-confidence boosts as their struggles and hardships become lessened, work gets better because they are able to communicate more efficiently. It is safe to say that we are not only educators, but we are life changers, because I have seen the change first-hand.

I know funding may be taken away because there are other things in State of Hawai'i that need fixing, it is important that we take care of our aina, but isn't there other places where the funding could be allocated from? Do we really want to let our children suffer even more? So much has been taken away from them educationally already, do we really need to take away more?

So I humbly ask you, Counsel Chair Ernest Y. Martin, to support Bill 11. Think about the children of Hawai'i, and think about how beneficial, and **life changing** it would be for them for Bill 11 to pass.

Thank-you so much for your time and consideration,

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