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The Honorable Ernest Martin, Chair
and Council Members
Honolulu City Council
530 S. King Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 13-158 CD-1 Urging the Honolulu Emergency Services Department to Evaluate the Need for a Second Provider for Back Up Ambulance Service for the City and County of Honolulu

Dear Chair Martin and Council Members:

My name is Laura DeVilbiss MD, testifying in support of Resolution 13-158 CD-1.

I believe that with the growing and aging population in the City and County of Honolulu, there is a need for additional backup ambulance services. Another backup provider is especially needed for the growing population on the west side of O'ahu.

Additionally, another provider will help ease the burden of non-emergent calls to the emergency medical services system and ensure EMS is more readily available to run emergency calls.

Again, please pass Resolution 13-158 CD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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