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Date: April 23, 2014
To: Chair, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi
Vice Chair, Councilmember Stanley Chang
Members of the Honolulu City Council Budget Committee
From: Michael Robinson
Executive Director, Government Relations
Hawai'i Pacific Health
RE: Bill 18
Relating to the Minimum Real Property Tax

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My name is Michael Robinson, Executive Director, Government Relations for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a not for profit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 6,300 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

While we appreciate the need for the city to address its fiscal challenges, we ask that the council not take action that effects the ability of not for profit health care providers to deliver care to its patients. Oahu private hospitals such as Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children, Straub Clinic & Hospital, Pali Momi, Queen's, Kuakini & others serve as the safety net for acute care patients in Honolulu County. In 2012 Hawaii Pacific Health provided more than \$155M in uncompensated care, government reimbursement shortfall, specialty services, community education, and teaching and research.

We are able to provide this level of community support through the tax savings afforded to us through our status as a nonprofit 501c3 entity. Hawai'i Pacific Health owns/leases more than 2 million square feet of real estate that is put into use to provide quality care to our patients. Repeal of the property tax exemption will create an unbudgeted financial burden on our organization and will negatively impact the quality of care we provide today and our ability to invest for the future.

We urge you to reconsider passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Michael Robinson



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health