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To Whom it may concern:

As a property owner seriously and adversely affected by the new Residential A classification I must object strongly to the proposed item on the agenda under item 4, b, 3) Third Residential Class. I strongly urge this item must be removed or deferred indefinitely.

The City and County of Honolulu simply MUST squarely and fairly take on the long deferred issue of establishing a new and legal process for issuing new permits for Transient Accommodations BEFORE even considering the imposition of further burdensome and unfair taxation upon nonresident homeowners by creating a new TA class. Many of these individuals can only hold onto these homes by renting seasonally, especially with the new "Class A" surcharge which has essentially DOUBLED these property taxes.

Unless and until the administration and the council address this issue, heaping additional taxes upon those responsibility paying their TAT will only serve to further criminalize and drive these individuals underground and deepen this "black market economy." Alternatively, if these punitive measures continue, many homeowners in this class of taxpayers will flee the island and the ensuing flood of homes on the market will have serious economic consequences. I urge this commission, the Council, and this Administration to move away from such TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. This approach is simply not in the best economic interests of Oahu.

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