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RE: Tax Advisory Commission Report: Allowing Tax Dept to disclose information, Establish third classification to tax at a higher rate and enforcement by Dept of Budget and Fiscal Services.

Dear Councilman Martin:

We are AGAINST all of the above-mentioned items because they are all ways to oppress the citizens of Hawaii. It seems you are working against vacation rentals, but vacationers bring a huge amount of revenue to the state. Why don't you work with those who want permitting and generate income from those permits. The way you're going about it is punishment to everyone.

We are a military family who was transferred from Hawaii and we are renting our home to another military family. Our home was re-assessed and our tax rate skyrocketed. Our monthly property tax went up an additional \$560 per month over and above what we were already paying. We can't pass the cost on to our tenants, and we can't afford the outrageous confiscatory tax hike that was imposed effective November 1, 2014. Now we are forced to try and sell our home because we can no longer pay the exorbitant taxes that you have placed on us.

Living in Hawaii is extremely expensive any way you look at it, and now with this new tax rate, you have made it impossible for us to live there.

Sincerely,



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