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### Written Testimony

Dear City Council Budget Committee, I am writing to ask for your support for Bill 10, regarding carsharing. I am a Waikiki resident and a graduate student at UH Manoa. I fully support carsharing in Honolulu because I have used the service in the past, and I find it more economical and more flexible than owning a car. Like many students and people living in Honolulu, I do not need to use a car very often. However, having access to a carshare vehicle has been especially useful when I need to run errands and transport things that are too big to carry on my bicycle. I feel that if carshare became more widely available around Honolulu, more people would opt out of owning cars and adopt a multi-modal lifestyle (a lifestyle of biking, and riding the bus) and use cars only when necessary. This will reduce congestion, our demand for imported fossil fuel, thereby leading to a happier, healthier, and more sustainable Hawaii. In short, Bill 10 would allow the city to dedicate parking stalls for car-sharing vehicles at various price levels. It would also allow for car-sharing vehicles to park in stalls with meters without drivers needing to pay them. In turn, the car-

sharing companies would pay the City and County to allow their cars to use metered spots. Currently, only one car-sharing company is operating in Hawaii: Enterprise CarShare, with fewer than 30 vehicles. They are limited as they can only operate in privately owned parking locations that also have around-the-clock accessibility. They are also limited as their cars have to be returned to the exact same parking stall they were taken from. It's a useful system for people who live near those cars and only take round-trips. Thus, car-sharing in its current state is not a true transit option as it forces customers to bring it back to where they came from. Bill 10 aims to fix this by dedicating parking stalls around the city to carsharing vehicles. While I support Bill 10, I am concerned about the high cost of the proposed parking placards. The \$2,500 per year per placard annual fee may make it uneconomical for carsharing companies to do business in Hawaii. Such high costs would ultimately be passed on to carsharing users. This would be a major disincentive for consumers to take part in carsharing. With such high costs, Honolulu would likely not be able to experience the economic, social, and environmental benefits of carsharing. I humbly ask for your support of Bill 10, however I ask for you to lower the annual placard fee for carsharing vehicles. Mahalo nui loa for your time and this opportunity to testify. Sincerely, Clarice Schafer Waikiki Resident Graduate Student, UH Manoa

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