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Testimony of
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City Council
City & County of Honolulu

Councilmember Ernest Y. Martin, Chair
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair

Bill 11, Proposed FD1 (2016) – Establishing for an Interim Period the Issuance of Building Permits in the Area of Aiea, Red Hill, Moanalua, and Salt Lake

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

Aloha Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Council:

We respectfully **oppose** Bill 11, proposed FD1 (2016). This bill seeks to regulate for an interim period the issuance of building or grading permits in the Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake area to provide the City sufficient time to fully explore and evaluate comprehensive transportation improvements that will alleviate traffic congestion in the region.

The construction moratorium would delay and potentially halt an approved 500-unit rental workforce housing development in the Moanalua area. Other developments in the Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake area would also be affected and in turn delay the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii's goals and objectives of increasing the supply of desperately needed housing to meet the needs of our growing population.

We understand the need for transportation improvements and thus, support Resolution 16-37 as an alternative vehicle to explore and evaluate comprehensive transportation improvements. Resolution 16-37 requests the State Department of Transportation and City Department of Transportation Services to expedite completion of the State's H-1 Corridor Study and to evaluate proposed Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035 projects and Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement projects to mitigate current and future traffic congestion in the Aiea-Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake area.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our opinion and we respectfully ask for Bill 11, FD1 to be **deferred**.



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