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Your position on the matter (*) Support
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Written Testimony

I have been a resident of Moanalua Village for over 20 years. I purchased here because it is a nice up-scale community conveniently located on Red Hill. Over the past decade or so, the intersection of Ala Kapuna and Moanalualani Place has become extremely congested, not only by a large number of commuters trying to get to their jobs in the morning and returning home in the evenings, but also because of localized traffic due to parents transporting their children to and from the school located in the Moanalua Hillside Apartments and to the school bus transporting children to Moanalua Middle School. The proposed construction of some additional 500+ studio and one bedroom units by mainland developer Douglad Emmett (DE) will put an intolerable burden on this already congested area. This intersection has already been deemed as the worst intersection in the nation. And this is without the additional 500+ planned units! While DE has already conducted its own "traffic study," DE has never made any effort to determine the real impact that the construction will have on traffic, parking and on and public safety. It has never addressed the impact it will have on the response time of

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emergency vehicles such as fire, police and ambulance. And the City has not conducted its own neutral traffic study. One needs to ask why not? Will our homes and property remain safe from fire and crime? Will our residents be reached in time when and if a medical emergency arises? How much further transportation delay will our commuters experience getting to and from daily work? How will this impact on our property values? Will our government officials not have the foresight, wisdom and political will to require that solutions be identified and planned for FIRST, before creating commuting and safety issues for more than 1000 residents? It is noteworthy that the Moanalua Hillside Apartments belonging to DE currently comprises the largest land mass and the highest density of all three residential complexes on Red Hill. DE seeks to almost double the number of units and yet takes no responsibility for the environmental fallout of its own actions. We at Moanalua Village are requesting that you do not let this happen! DE's "talking" point has been that it is assisting the City and State by providing "affordable" housing. One needs to ask how affordable it \$1600/month for a studio unit? Has anyone asked DE how much it is projected to profit on the new development? And if its housing is not truly affordable, then what is the public benefit that the developer is bestowing upon the residents of the area?? Also what kind of impact will the new development have on the nearby schools, which are currently unable to handle larger classrooms? We have participated in three public forums and many informal discussions with other residents and various elected officials as well as with representatives of the developer. Although the developer verbally indicated that they are looking for a win-win solution to the traffic congestion, emergency response time and onstreet parking issues -- we have seen nothing to date. Needless to say, I oppose the construction of the new development until and unless the developer and the City and State are able to commit to and implement appropriate solutions for all the residents of Red Hill.

**Testimony
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