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To: Honolulu City Council

Re: Bill 013 (2016) Grant for New Hope Ministries

Aloha –

I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to an item in Bill 13 (2016) that would provide a Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to aid New Hope Church in building build a parking garage and auditorium.

I believe first and foremost that this would be in violation of the separation of Church and State. In addition New Hope is a very large organization with the financial means to build their own infrastructure and that onus should not be put on the Hawaii tax payer.

Honolulu has a multitude of issues including the homeless and lack of funds for education. If the City Council would like to issue grants I think they should be in support of issues that benefit all tax payers and not primarily the congregation of a church. It is my belief that New Hope should already be helping to provide these services with their own funds and instead they ask for financial considerations from the City and County of Honolulu.

I would also like to note that this opinion is not specifically targeted at New Hope Ministries and that I oppose tax payer money directly funding any religious organization or entity.

I know it was reported the Councilman Martin removed the request from the Bill, however I am submitting testimony in case the issue re-emerges.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my strong opposition to providing a Grant to New Hope Ministries through Bill 13.

Mahalo nui loa,

James Vivian Mateo

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