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July 23, 2005

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Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

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I hope you'll agree with me that it's simply outrageous and must be defeated.

Please vote AGAINST the bill 40!

Very truly yours,

Eileen K. Hirono  
808-676-0135

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Jerry Bangarter  
710 Old Mokapu Road  
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July 16, 2005

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Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

I am a concerned citizen standing in opposition to the proposed increase in the General Excise Tax. This is not a home rule issue. This is not a transportation issue. It is a money grab, plain and simple.

If you have any concern for the quality of life of the citizens of Hawaii, please vote against Councilman Garcia's proposed bill 40.

If we had the proposed rail system installed and operating today as it is envisioned, it would not make one whit of difference in the congestion on the highways. We would still be stuck in traffic trying to get from point a to b.

Kill this tax increase, then figure out what is needed to solve the problem, then arrange to get the money. It is simply inappropriate to raise taxes for a totally undefined project.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Bangarter  
808-254-3742

Sandra Bangerter  
710 Old Mokepu Road  
Kailua, HI 96734

July 17, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
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This is not a solution to the traffic problems that we have on this island. That is a problem that needs study and a plan that is workable before anything else is done, especially a tax increase in the name of traffic solution.

Please vote AGAINST the bill 40!

Very truly yours,

Sandra L. Bangerter  
254-2556

Brian Benton  
47-775 Hui Ulili St  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

July 25, 2005

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

The State and City have no idea what the costs of construction, impact of the people and continuing costs the the public to operate and maintain the rail system. I believe that the City Council should vote no on this measure until a comprensive cost and study, as to actual ridership on a long term basis not the initial novelty, is completed and what impact it will have on the public transportation in place now. This proposal is typical of public officials attitude that cost is no object as long as the taxpayer has more money that politicians feel they deserve to keep.

My feeling is that a yes vote, at this time, by my elected officials is my no vote in November.

Very truly yours,

Brian C. Benton  
739-4114 (office)

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Mona Wengler and Family  
352-7238

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Patricia Bovard  
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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

Dear Governor and Council Memebers,

I am extremely concerned about the GET increase. I am already a struggling realtor and oppose any increase to the GET as it will put an extreme burden on my and my family. I entered the real estate business because of the flexibility with hours, as I am a mother, my husband is disabled, and I have to do everything at home including making money to keep a roof over our heads. You must know how difficult it already is for people to make ends meet and now with your proposed increase in the GET it will be even harder. I know that if I am struggling, most everyong else in the state is also. Please, do not raise the tax. It is bad for the economy, bad for business, bad for everyone.

Making it harder to handle to cost of living just increases crime and drug dealing in our community. Please help by not raising the GET.

We need something to help the people and help the businesses, so that the entire community can improve.

If people could make a living there may not be so much drug dealing to get ahead, With less drug dealing, there is less crime. Please consider this. I am telling you the truth and what it really is like when you have to struggle financially.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE LIFE HARDER BY RAISING THE GET!

Very truly yours,

Ann M. Williams  
385-1528

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Very truly yours,

Lawrence

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Lois W. Carter  
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Gloria Almendares  
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Kailua, HI 96734

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Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

I am against raising the GET tax because I am a Realtor, and this hike in taxes will have a negative effect in the Real Estate market. Taxes are already too high as it is. Mainlanders DO NOT pay taxes on collected rent as we do. This increase will undermine the investors who are looking for a positive cash flow. Why invest in Hawaii Real Estate if you are going to have a negative cash flow. A lot of my clients have told me that they will be investing in the Florida Real Estate market. Hawaii already has become unaffordable to many.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Almendares

Very truly yours,

Gloria Almendares - RA  
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Vladislava Vicki Rotter  
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Honolulu, HI 96824

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Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

Please oppose bill 40. We have many cheaper ways of solving traffic problems. Just taking uninsured motorists off the road would do far more than a train. And the train would largely take riders from the bus system, hurting the bus system! Jitneys also need to be tried. And the tunnel to Ford Island. And moving jobs and housing closer together. And parking garages that could be accessed directly from the freeway. So many ideas, much cheaper than rail. Let's give them a try, and not risk billions of dollars on rail which we know will not work.

Very truly yours,

Mark Terry  
373-3345

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Ronald Torngren  
85-1006 Puneki Street  
Mililani, HI 96789

July 23, 2005

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Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

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Matt Lau  
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808 261-3396

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Honolulu, HI 96814

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Aiea, HI 96701

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April Lee  
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Waikoloa, HI 96738

July 25, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

"The power to tax is the power to destroy." It is as true today as it was in the 1800's. Please use your Wisdom to stop this unwise demise of the small amount of money left after we Hawaiians pay all the exorbitant cost of living here. This is not a paradise economically, but a repressive political system run by unions and their politicians who care little for the hard-working citizens.

Very truly yours,

April Lee

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Very truly yours,

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Diana Riera  
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Very truly yours,

robert collis  
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Very truly yours,

Sue Peterson  
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Jayne Henley-Davis  
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Aiea, HI 96701

July 24, 2005

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

Dear Sir:

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Thank you so much for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Cindy Busser  
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July 24, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

We oppose increase in GET. Please vote against this bill.

Very truly yours,

Aiko S. Miyatake

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July 24, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

An excise tax based only on your gross revenue without regard to business expenses is crippling in itself. Increasing this tax is even greater risk to anyone that is an independent contractor and/or small businesses in Hawaii. Small and independent contractors such as my self will be forced to pass the tax on to the end user... This will create a domino effect in the economy since not all of us has been passing this cost to the end user.

Therefore, as a concerned citizen , I strongly oppose raising the General Excise and Use Tax because it would increase the cost of living and of doing business in Hawaii. The proposed GET increase from 4% to 4.5% amounts to an astonishing 12.5% increase in a tax that is applied repeatedly, in pyramiding fashion, to all goods and services in Hawaii.

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Very truly yours,

Alan Kashiwabara  
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July 24, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

This is the 3rd time I am sending you a letter.

I oppose any increase in the GET which will ultimately increase everything I purchase and the off the top taxes on all the money coming into my household.

I pay 4% on all my wages - off the top - as a real estate agent, since I am an independent contractor. I pay 4% - off the top - on my rental income I receive. ( I see insurance agents have a special rate for their commissions, but my commissions are charged the full 4% - what is that please???)

I then, along with all the homeowners in the islands, have the extreme pleasure of paying the increased property taxes on 2 properties. Our assessed values have increased, which increases the tax you bring into the government coffeers. You have not increased the rate per \$1000, but there are a great deal more \$1000's to collect money on. Then you just doubled, and for investors tripled the conveyance tax on the sale of a property. I am sure you are bringing in millions more dollars to the government bank account on these two changes alone.

Increasing the GET will increase every good and service which will then exponentially increase my cost of living along with everyone else's cost of living on this island. Many people are barely making it now with multiple incomes per household.

We need our elected officials to start tightening the belt of government spending just like all of us have to tighten our budgets everytime you find something else to spend our money on?? I think you have increased our taxes enough!!! No More!!!

Very truly yours,

Michele A. Efron Youngblood  
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Very truly yours,

Jia L. Woolley  
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MELVIN LUM  
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HONOLULU, HI 96817

July 23, 2005

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MEL LUM  
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Kailua, HI 96734

July 23, 2005

Donovan M DeLa Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember DeLa Cruz:

Dear elected officials,

We just received our new real estate tax bill. We are in SHOCK!  
First we have this HUGE increase in our taxes, then you increase the conveyance tax(very complicated & confusing) and you also want to increase the GET.

How are small businesses suppose to survive? How in the world do you think you can attract diverse business to the Islands? I can imagine the successful building of the rapid transit system...successful like the Kalaheo sewer project in Kailua!  
why are we trying to raise the GET when we don't even have a concrete plan for this system yet?

Please vote NO to this increase. We are taxed to death and sick of it!

Very truly yours,

Noelani Fowler  
808 262-1999

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Kailua, HI 96734

July 23, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

As an independent contractor, and a Realtor, I pay excise tax when I receive the money and when I spend it. We already have double taxation! Please don't make it worse.

As a concerned citizen , I strongly oppose raising the General Excise and Use Tax because it would increase the cost of living and of doing business in Hawaii. The proposed GET increase from 4% to 4.5% amounts to an astonishing 12.5% increase in a tax that is applied repeatedly, in pyramiding fashion, to all goods and services in Hawaii.

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Barbara Kauahi, Realtor  
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Honolulu, HI 96825

July 23, 2005

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Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
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Raising the GET is definitely going to affect ALL OF US in some way or another and I sincerely hope that you consider how it will affect you too. Please, I urge you to vote AGAINST Bill 40!

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

Alaina L. Fukui  
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Gina Eaves  
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Margaret Goettelmann  
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Kailua, HI 96734

July 23, 2005

Donovan M Dela Cruz  
Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

I would like to voice my strong opposition to raising the General Excise Tax. The cost of doing business in Hawaii is already high and this kind of increase is harmful because of it's pyramiding affect. Hawaii already has one of the highest costs of living in the nation.

We are already struggling. I don't understand how you can't see what a terrible burden this would be on all of us.

PLEASE vote against bill 40!

Very truly yours,

Margaret S. Goettelmann  
261-2295

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Honolulu, HI 96826

July 23, 2005

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Councilmember  
Honolulu Hale  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

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Margo Brower  
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Councilmember  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

Dear sirs, please do not greive us any more by raising the get tax. We already can barely afford to live here as it is. We pay high enough taxes already.

Very truly yours,

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July 23, 2005

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Dear Councilmember Dela Cruz:

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Please vote AGAINST the bill 40!

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Please vote AGAINST the bill 40! Hawaii's residents are having a hard enough time making ends meet, don't add to that by enacting more taxes! All of you politicians should realize this and come to your senses, what is wrong with you? Would you like others to spend your hard earned money? How would you feel? If you allow this tax increase to become law, all of your constituents (voters) will see who you really are and I as well as the other tax payers will rally to vote you out of office. Have you no conscience? For all of you who are in favor of this increase, you are nothing but empty suits and skirts! For the few that oppose this increase, I thank you for caring about the tax payers that put you in office.

Very truly yours,

Kurt Akama

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What are you trying to do? Drive away the vast majority of Hawaii Residents? We can hardly afford living here now! Between gas, rents, taxes and food, no wonder the homeless population has more than doubled and crime and drugs too.

Please vote NO to this tax increase!

Very truly yours,

Susan Miedema  
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July 26, 2005

Donovan M DeLa Cruz  
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530 South King Street  
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Dear Councilmember DeLa Cruz:

RAISE THE CAR LICENSE FEES-INCREASE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONS TO .04% (FROM .005%). CHANGE THE VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE LAWS TO MAKE PEOPLE WHO BRING CARS TO HAWAII REGISTER THEIR CARS WITHIN 30 DAYS AND CHANGE THEIR LICENSES WITHIN 30 DAYS. TOO MANY PEOPLE USE OUR ROADWAYS FOR YEARS AND NEVER REGISTER THEIR CARS HERE-NOR DO THEY PAY THE MEASLY \$5 FEE TO HAVE A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION. ALL OF THAT REVENUE WILL HELP. PLEASE DON'T MAKE US PAY MORE THAN WE CAN AFFORD.

Very truly yours,

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I think a better area to tax are transportation related area. Like Raising the Vehicle Registration, Hotel Taxes, Airport Fees, Liquor Licenses, Gas Taxes, etc. Why tax people who will not benefit from the services of Mass Transit. It just does not make common sense.

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I would appreciate a reply to me on your action.

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