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CITY COUNCIL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Dear Representative Caldwell, *→ Council chair Barbara Marshall*

The undersigned are Registered Nurses attending graduate school at Hawaii Pacific University. We wish to add our voices to the matter of the "proliferation" of Adult Residential Care Homes in District 24. This "tragedy" has been recently made public in the newspapers, on television, and at the Manoa Community Board Meeting last night. Although this matter appears to be supported by only a handful of Manoa residents, they apparently do know how to contact the media in hopes of drumming up support to place restrictions on the placement of care homes.

The Hawaii population is ageing at a rapid rate. There are not enough care homes now to take care of the frail elderly as evidenced by most of them having a long waiting list. Adding further regulations to Adult Residential Care Homes will only serve to exacerbate an already alarming shortage of quality residential care homes. There will be no one to care for our Kupuna, and that is the real tragedy.

As advocates for the people of Hawaii, and especially as advocates of vulnerable populations such as the elderly, we respectfully ask that you discontinue supporting this bill. It is imperative for the successful ageing of our residents to have an adequate number of Adult Residential Care Homes in EVERY community. Elders should be allowed to age gracefully and in peace in the neighborhoods they have grown up in or in neighborhoods in which they have family support.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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