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TO:

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Governor Linda Lingle
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[Bills 8 and 9] I am against Bills #8 and #9 because placing locations on advertising causes security issues.

I've worked in the media and done my share of stories on security and crime and have been a victim, as well. Identity theft is rampant and publicizing addresses is inviting crime. We are warned over and over again to be secure: Do not publish your address in the phone book. Do not put any private information on the Web unless you do it through a secure system. It is baffling that, with all this information available on how to secure your home, your belongings and your identity, why this bill is even being considered. Do not invite more crime into our neighborhoods, please!

We are already facing a problem with an increase of drugs and theft. We warn visitors to be safe all the time. Do not leave your belongings in the car. Watch your pockets and purses at all times. Now, this bill wants us to tell the thieves where visitors are staying – which are also homes of our residents.

Please consider the impact this bill would have on people's safety – both visitors and residents alike.

Mahalo.

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