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March 31, 2008

To: Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Ways And Means Committee  
Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair, Ways And Means Committee

From: SrA Malosi Toilolo  
169 ACWS

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HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
HEADQUARTERS 154<sup>TH</sup> WING

March 28, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR SENATOR ROZ BAKER

FROM: 169 ACWS, HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD, Alpha Flight

SUBJECT: HB 2605

As members of the 169ACWS, Hawaii Air National Guard, we humbly request that you please hear a part of the 2008 Military Appreciation Package - House Bill 2605; allowing for the exemption of vehicle taxes and registration fees for members of the National Guard and Reserves to be heard in your respective committees.

As budget dollars for the Department of Defense continue to shrink, our ability to recruit to sustain membership in our Armed Forces faces uphill challenges every day. These types of incentives enhances our chances of competitively securing a more stable force by offering breaks in vehicle tax and registration fees. Additionally, it rewards our current members by providing a force that is charged of being the protectors of freedom that many others may not choose to do. It allows our members of the Hawaii National Guard the ability to possess the tools necessary in providing recruitment packages that give us an edge on the competition and for those members currently serving, a tax/fee break of "thanks" for what they do, day in and day out.

Our airmen and soldiers in the Hawaii National Guard have provided outstanding service to our island State and respectfully request to have HB 2605 heard in the Ways and Means Committee. Our long standing service is particularly noteworthy, especially during natural disasters and state emergencies. We serve along with the State/City & County First Responders in nurturing a safe and secure environment that we call Paradise.

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April 1, 2008

Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Senator Baker:

I am in support of House Bill 2605 HD1, A Bill for an Act Relating to the Armed Services and humbly request your support to a favorable outcome not only for the many reasons that have already been voiced, but on a personal level for many of our military service men and women who live, work and serve our state and nation on the outer islands.

Please consider the full spectrum of our commitment and of those who will follow when we leave military service.

Mahalo for your consideration and the job you do,

Sincerely,



Melvin M. Yamamoto Jr., Senior Master Sergeant, Hawaii Air National Guard  
First Sergeant  
291 Combat Communications Squadron  
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