

LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, Judiciary Committee
415 South Beretania Street, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support for HB3002

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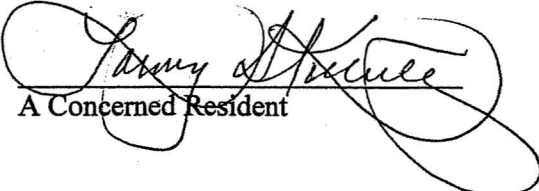
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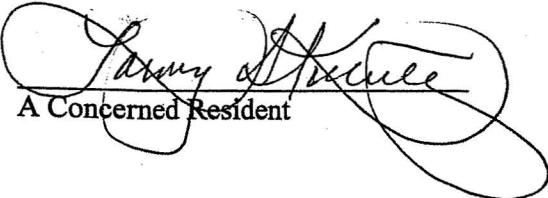
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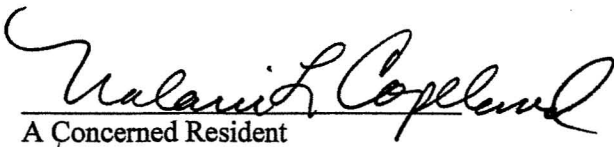
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Dear Chairman Waters,

I own and occupy a unit at Kukui Plaza.

I support Bill HB3002 in relation to prostitution. It is a reasonable approach to combat this chronic problem, and its time has come.

My neighbors and I would appreciate your support of this Bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "CJ Burrell".

CJ Burrell, APRN
55 South Kukui Street D-2114
Honolulu, HI
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