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TO: Representative Joseph M. Souki
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 433
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FROM: Joanna Markle

RE: H.B 3377 - Relating Highway Safety

LATE TESTIMONY

Hearing Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 9:00 a.m., Room 309

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I am Joanna Markle testifying on behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers ("Alliance") is a trade association of 10 car and light truck manufacturers, including BMW Group, Chrysler LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Mazda, Mercedes Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota and Volkswagen.

The Alliance supports H.B. 3377. The Alliance served as a member of the Ignition Interlock Working Group, which was established pursuant to H.C.R. 28, Session Laws of 2007, and we are pleased that this bill includes many of the working group's recommendations. Ignition interlock has proven effective in battling drunk driving, such as in New Mexico, West Virginia, and Ohio where the recidivism rates have decreased 50 to 90 percent. We urge to support this bill.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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dolly towing fees from \$65 to \$75, daily storage fees from \$20 to \$25, and mileage fees from \$6.50 per mile to \$7.50 per mile. In recognition of these significant monetary increases that would be absorbed by Hawaii consumers, the Legislature prohibited overtime charges and unhooking fees. Since nothing has really changed in the past seven months to allow for their reassessment, the Department does not believe that the towing law needs to be changed once again.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2954. I will be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Committee may have.