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To the Honorable members of the Senate Committee on Human Services who are holding a public hearing on Jan. 24, 2008 @ 1:30 p.m., in Room 106

Aloha kakou,

I support S.B. 2042 that extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving. As a member of the aging network in Hawai'i, I am daily reminded that "aging" is a public policy issue that is so important and immanent to all of us, even intergenerationally, that we need official "aging voices" that serve as forums, "marketplaces of ideas", organized efforts and catalysts. This committee is just such an important catalyst. I am also in support of the change in its nomenclature to the Joint Committee on Aging in Place. The fact that most kupuna want to "age in place" is a clarion call to the challenges of aging in our communities and for this important committee.

Me ka mahalo pono,
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