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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senate Bill 2564 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) opposes Senate Bill 2564 Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons which extends the privilege of a parking permit/placard from an individual to eligible nursing homes.

This amendment is contrary to federal guidelines that provide for the permit to be issued to people not vehicles and not agencies.

Extending the eligibility to agencies or vehicles would greatly worsen our enforcement efforts as staff of agencies could then use it inappropriately since the placards can be used in any vehicle. If a nursing home transports a patient who has a mobility impairment, the nursing home may use that patient's permit/placard in the vehicle when actively transporting the patient. Therefore, there is no problem to be resolved.

We urge you to hold this bill in Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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FROM: Sandra Lee, Director of Social Services

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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Human Services and Public Housing, who are holding a public hearing on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 @ 2:45 p.m. in Rm. 224

Aloha kakou

I am in support of S.B. 2564 relating to Parking for disabled persons. This bill allows nursing facilities to apply for and receive removable windshield placards for their vehicles that are used solely for transporting nursing facility residents. These placards are for the purpose of parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. I believe that we should be allowing nursing facility vehicles to park in disabled parking areas. This will allow our vulnerable and frail population to remain in close contact with their family, caregivers and assigned staff person(s) and assist in their casework and care. It will also allow them maintain and enjoy a modicum of respect and dignity.
I urge your favorable support of this bill.

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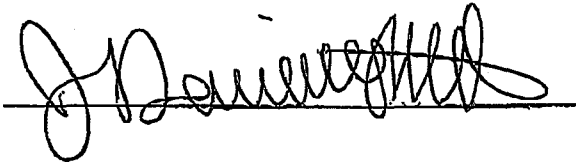
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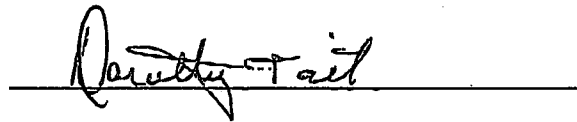
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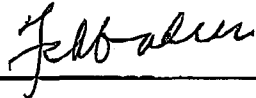
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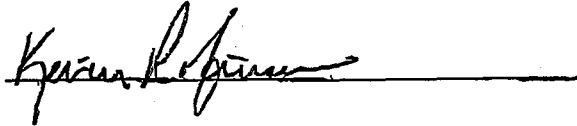
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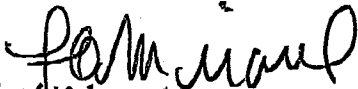
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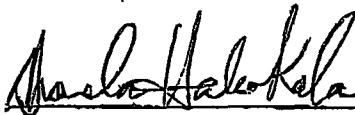
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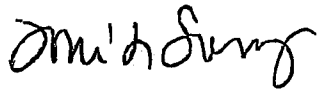
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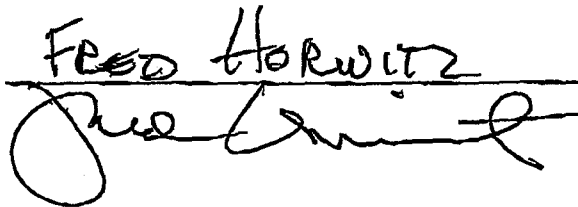
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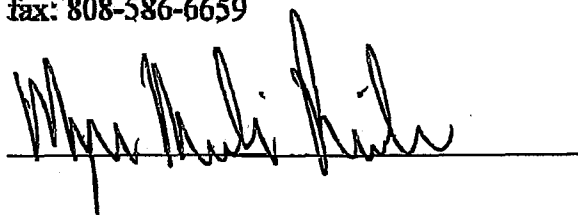
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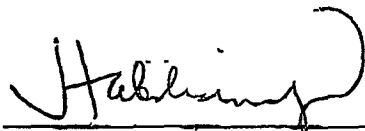
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