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February 26, 2009

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi:

Subject: S.B. 1059, S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support S.B. 1059, S.D. 1, which proposes to establish an illegal fireworks task force administratively attached to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

The SFC and the HFD believe this bill will organize various agencies to work on solutions to better enforce the growing distribution and use of illegal fireworks in our communities. Each year, the use of illegal fireworks, namely aerals by unlicensed, nonprofessional persons, continues to increase. These illegal fireworks pose a fire and life-safety risk and danger to the public. Enhanced enforcement strategies and cooperation between county, state, and federal agencies are essential.

The SFC and the HFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1059, S.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please call HFD Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA
Chair

KGS/LR:bh

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



Robert F. Westerman
Fire Chief

John T. Blalock
Deputy Fire Chief

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February 27, 2009

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi:

Subject: S.B. 1059 S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Robert F. Westerman, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support S.B. 1059, S.D. 1, which proposes to establish an illegal fireworks task force administratively attached to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

The SFC and the KFD believe this bill will organize various agencies to work on solutions to better enforce the growing distribution and use of illegal fireworks in our communities. Each year, the use of illegal fireworks, namely aerials by unlicensed, nonprofessional persons, continues to increase. These illegal fireworks pose a fire and life-safety risk and danger to the public. Enhanced enforcement strategies and cooperation between county, state, and federal agencies are essential.

The SFC and the KFD request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1059, S.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 241-4980.

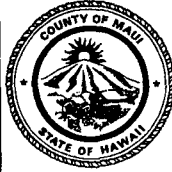
Sincerely,

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Robert F. Westerman
Fire Chief

RFW/LR:cz

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February 25, 2009

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi:

Subject: S.B. 1059 S.D. 1 Relating to Fireworks

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the County of Maui, Department of Fire and Public Safety (DOFAPS). The SFC and the DOFAPS support S.B. 1059, S.D. 1, which proposes to establish an illegal fireworks task force administratively attached to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

The SFC and the DOFAPS believe this bill will organize various agencies to work on solutions to better enforce the growing distribution and use of illegal fireworks in our communities. Each year, the use of illegal fireworks, namely aerals by unlicensed, nonprofessional persons, continues to increase. These illegal fireworks pose a fire and life-safety risk and danger to the public. Enhanced enforcement strategies and cooperation between county, state, and federal agencies are essential.

The SFC and the DOFAPS request your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 1059, S.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please call Honolulu Fire Department's Legislative Liaison Lloyd Rogers at 723-7171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Murray".

FOR
JEFFREY A. MURRAY
Fire Chief

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Vic Angoco
Matson Navigation Company,
Inc.

Mar Labrador
Horizon-Lines, LLC

Glenn Hong
Young Brothers, Ltd./Hawaiian
Tug and Barge

Grant Karamatsu
NCL America, Inc.

Douglas Won
Sause Bros., Inc.

Richard Maxwell
Aloha Cargo Transport,
Division of Northland Services,
Inc.

Robert T. Guard
McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co.,
Ltd.

Jeff Brennan
Hawaii Stevedores, Inc.

John Garibaldi
Hawaii Superferry, Inc.

Lance Tanaka
Tesoro Hawaii Corporation

Stephanie Ackerman
The Gas Company

Eric Yoshizawa
Ameron Hawaii

Nate Lopez
Hawaiian Cement

Gary North
Chairman

**SB 1059
RELATING TO FIREWORKS**

**GARY NORTH
CHAIRMAN
HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP**

FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on

Judiciary and Government Operations:

I am Gary North, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG), on SB 1059.

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of the following key harbor users: Matson Navigation Company, Horizon Lines, LLC, Young Brothers/Hawaii Tug & Barge, Norwegian Cruse Line, Sause Brothers Inc., Aloha Cargo Transport (ACT), Hawaii Stevedores, McCabe Hamilton & Renny Stevedores, Hawaii Superferry, Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, The Gas Company, Ameron Hawaii, and Hawaiian Cement.

Thank you for taking my testimony in regards to SB 1059. **I am not tendering a position, but do have a suggestion** in relation to the make up of the proposed task force.

Should you pass this bill, I would recommend that members of the shipping and trucking industry be included on the task force

along with the already listed governmental agencies. These industries ensure that the transportation chain is handled in a safe and efficient manner.

Thank you for taking my suggestion into consideration during your discussion and deliberation of SB1059.