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**Comments:**

Aloha,

I would like to present at the hearing and I am resending my earlier testimony that was not processed through the on-line testimonial site for the previous hearing on 2/25/09.

A hui hou a me malama pono,  
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TO: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol – Conference Room 229

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 1223

SUBMITTED BY: Lolita Ko and Elsie Lee  
KO'S 'OHANA

Honolulu, HI 96816

Aloha Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

We need to protect our artisans who do all their products here in the State of Hawai'i from imports and others that claim their products and wares are Hawai'i made.

Too, being an artisan myself, we are always being questioned about our products being made here in Hawai'i. Like the Ni'ihau shells all are being authenticated, we would also like to have some sort of recognition for our hard work as being a crafter and artisan; as an artisan being proud that all of our products are made here in Hawai'i.

Therefore, we urge your support of the SB 1223 and hope we provided you with a decision to pass this bill.