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**From:** damarty@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 9:27 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB16176 SD1

**TO: Honorable Sen. Baker**  
**FROM: Kent and Valerie Hironaka**

**We wanted to share with you our concerns about our son's health care services. He is a seven year old boy with cerebral palsy. We adopted him at 2 days old. At that time, he showed no signs of CP. But, at 23 months old he was diagnosed. Through the years, he has received excellent care from the doctors and staff at Shriner's Hospital here in Honolulu and in Sacramento, CA. We have been very pleased with the telemedicine services at Shriner's Hospital in Honolulu. We are able to confer with our son's doctor in Sacramento regarding his progress. This has saved us thousands of dollars in medical and travel expenses. We are disappointed to hear that this might cease with the passing of SB16176 SD1. We urge you to reconsider to strike the sentence in this bill that requires physicians to be licensed by the State of Hawaii to be able to provide Telehealth consults to Hawaii's patients. Our son as well as many other patients desperately need the ability to access out of state experts. Here in Hawaii we are so limited in physicians with expertise in children's diseases and conditions. We have discovered this the hard way. This is why we are so grateful for being able to consult with our son's hand's specialist via telemedicine conferences. Please, again, reconsider your stance for the benefit of not only our son but so many others needing specialized medical physicians. Mahalo nui loa!**

**Sincerely,**  
**Kent and Valerie Hironaka.**

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