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February 8, 2009

RE: Support for SB #190

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My recommendation for this bill is to **not** restrict the age of the couple and the number of years married when both are eligible for the same foster care home. I fully support SB #190 with these recommendations and ask that you carefully consider how much of an impact this bill will have on Hawaii's aging population.

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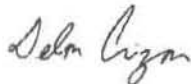
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I support this bill because no couple who is eligible for the same foster care home should have to ask for permission to live with their spouse.

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