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TO: THE HONORABLE SENATOR CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIR AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY

SUBJECT: S.B. 954, RELATING TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 2009
TIME: 1:15 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology:

The General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and forty (560) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, **strongly supports** the passage of S. B. 954, Relating to Photographs of Historic Buildings.

While Act 228, SLH, 2008, was laudatory in concept, to preserve a pictorial record of significant historic buildings that were proposed for demolition, it had the unintended consequences of adding substantial cost and time to the demolition of buildings that were not of significant historic value but fifty years or older. The amendment proposed in S. B. 954 would correct the oversight to require archival quality photographs of structures that have historic significance and are on the state or federal historic registers.

The GCA strongly supports the amendments proposed in S. B. 954 and recommends its passage.

S. B. 787 and S. B. 1672 also propose changes to Chapter 46, HRS, similar to that proposed in S. B. 954, and we support these bills as well. However, we would prefer passage of S. B. 954 since it is the most concise and accomplishes the original intent of Act 228.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our views on this issue.