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Good Afternoon Representative Gabbard and Fellow Representatives :  
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MY NAME IS DOROTHY PREGIL AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ( RESTORE OUR COMMUNITY) ROC KALIHI VALLEY:

ROC's issues that we work on are; DRUGS, GRAFFITI, TRASH DUMPING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

ROC is very involved in our neighborhood and especially Kalihi Uka Elementary School and Park which is directly across from Laumaile street. We do know there has been for years, drugs bust and illegal dumping and illegal structures at Laumaile street which impacts our streams, our neighborhood and our youth who attends Kalihi Uka Elementary School.

Laumaile street has all the issues that I mentioned and is an immoral infection in the neighborhood, physically, and spiritually with bacteria oozing out all over lower Laumaile which impact our streams, our neighborhood and our youth who attend kalihi Uka Elementary School.

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I say this because the trash is very visible from the top of Kalihi street and our children walk to school and see this every day . I personally cannot fantom how the trash got so our of control and how our youth must think this is Normal in Kalihi because it's been that way for so long, that is what we seem to teach them by not cleaning up this mess.

It is said that that the fabric of a neighborhood is torn in two when illegal activities continue to thrive.

I do know this is not allowed at neighborhoods that speak out and that's is why we are here. We are tired and want to change it street by street. The residents that support ROC have voiced their concerns many times, thru our Senators, Representatives, city council and the Honolulu Police Department, we want to show our neighborhood that we value Kalihi Valley and want them to feel pride in living there.

We urge the State Department of Health, the City and County Environmental Services and the Honolulu Police Department to work together and insure that these illegal dumping sites and other illegal activities are cleaned up and people fined and prosecuted when caught.

I remember a gentleman named Mr. Brown who was the Chairman of the Board at Queens Hospital years ago, with very wise words at a meeting I attended. He talked about the Apuuaa and in the old days the Hawaiians would all work together to clean out the tara patches to prevent mold so that the water that ran from the mountins to the ocean would not be polluted and flow down and not ~~to the~~ other taro patches. Those actions that the old Hawaiians acted on is something we should also be doing, cleaning up our aina for the next generation to enjoy, we have failed miserably in Kalihi Valley and I hope with this resolution 89 something can be done. Mahalo: