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LATE TESTIMONY

Date: February 4, 2009

To: Rep. J. Souki, Chair Committee on Transportation
Rep. K. Awana, Vice Chair Committee on Transportation

Cc: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, District Representative
Sen. Colleen Hanabusa, District Senator

Hearing: February 4, 2009 at 8:30am

Measure: HB 1463 RELATING TO COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROLS

Aloha and good morning Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members:

My name is Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan, a resident of Waianae and a driver on our horrific highways. I would like to ask for your **FULL SUPPORT** to establishing a "highway patrol" detail within our enforcement system whether or not it is local, state or federal agencies.

It is clear that many of the accidents happening on our highways involve speeding or the lack of attention to the driving conditions for one reason or another. We need enforcement that can be counted on to assure ALL DRIVERS including myself are driving safely and properly if not for our own safety but that of others on the roads. This would also include during times of road construction. The traffic delays during these periods make it an invitation for accidents which may be avoided if there were adequate monitoring.

Currently our law enforcement is not equipped by way of "man-power" resources to be on the highways on a regular basis. I often wonder where is the officer when you need one seeing many speeders and violators on the road. I believe this measure will assure that and therefore keeping our highways safer than it would be at this point.

Again I encourage you all to do the RIGHT thing and support the passage of this measure. Should you have additional questions or need more information feel free to call me at 783-9302.

Mahalo,
Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan