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TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair of the Judiciary and Government
Operations Committee

SUBJECT: Strong Support for House Bill 1863: RELATING TO PROSTITUTION

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1863 in its original form, which would repeal the sunset date of, and make permanent, Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008.

For those of us who live downtown, prostitution is an extreme and pervasive problem. Prostitutes are encountered by area residents and their children on a daily basis. It is nearly impossible to avoid them, which is why it is important to permanently make habitual solicitation of prostitution a misdemeanor.

I also supported HB 1867, which would make it a misdemeanor to offer or agree to pay a fee to engage in sexual conduct within 750 feet of a school or public park. I encourage you to add this language to HB 1863 so that both of these anti-prostitution concepts can be considered. Protecting area children from those who work as prostitutes and those who solicit prostitutes should be a top priority.

Please help us to improve this serious condition where we live by supporting HB 1863.

Sincerely,

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