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Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 3:17 PM
To: HSGtestimony
Cc: vivian.ahsam@gmail.com
Subject: House Bill 2311.

I am writing to ask for your favorable vote in support of House Bill 2311.

I think that people should be allowed to display flags on flagpoles on their place of residence, regardless of whether it is a planned community or not, for the following reasons:

- Displaying a flag is a form of expressing a thought/belief/feeling. As Americans, we have the right to freedom of speech, which I believe includes non-verbal communication.
- Just as much as people have the ability to change the radio station or tv channel, people also have the ability to not look at any given object, including a flag.
- Countless lives were sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. I believe it would be absolutely disrespectful to not allow people—especially veterans and their families—to withhold their patriotism.

There is so much more that can be said, but I will leave it at these 3 major thoughts. I write this with the thought that this would apply for any type of flag...not just the American flag. We could debate about flags that are derogatory; in which case it would be in the publics' best interest to establish guidelines before implementing any rules/policies/laws.

This is a significant and sensitive issue. It is scary to think that this freedom would be outlawed. If I were to paint a flag on my home at my expense, will government be so controlling to even ban that? It's scary to think that there are decision makers in public offices that have the gall and gumption to think that they have the power to take away such freedoms yet remain a "voice for the people".

This is my voice.

I look forward to seeing how all of our Senators and Representatives will vote.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my input.

Blessing in Jesus' Name,

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 9:44 PM
To: HSGtestimony
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Subject: Testimony for HB2311 on 2/3/2010 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: HB2311-Flags.pdf

Testimony for HSG 2/3/2010 9:00:00 AM HB2311

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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February 1, 2010

Rep. Rida T. R. Cabanilla, Chair
Rep. Pono Chong, Vice-Chair
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VIA EMAIL: HSGTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: H.B. 2311 - Relating to Planned Community Associations; Flag
Hearing: Wednesday, 02-03-10 9:00am in conference room 325.

Dear Chair Cabanilla , Vice-Chair Chong and Committee Members:

My name is Will Kane, Vice-President of the Mililani Town Association (MTA). As you may be aware, MTA encompasses 16,000 plus units involving both single family units and townhouse projects.

We fully support HB 2311 to allow those members of planned communities and townhouses who so desire to display the flag of the United States or of the State of Hawai'i, while at the same time allowing for the associations of planned communities and townhouses to have the ability to provide reasonable restrictions for aesthetic purposes.

Sincerely yours,

Will Kane
Vice-President, Board of Directors

Cc: Senator Kidani
Senator Bunda
Representative Lee
Representative Yamane