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Honorable Ken Ito
Chairman – Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee

Reference: House Bill # 248 – Hearing of Jan 30, 2009

Mr. Ito and committee, United States Pipe & Foundry Company is a manufacturer of Ductile Iron Pipe, a competitor to the polyvinyl chloride pipe listed in the reference house bill. We strongly oppose legislating one commercial product over another, especially when ductile iron pipe is the preferred pipe line product in 3 of the four county water departments in the State of Hawaii, and approved for use by all four.

I am enclosing an article published January 29, 2009 which reviews some of the known scientific data on bisphenol A (BPA) which according to the article is a chemical linked to many health related problems including “an increased risk of diabetes and heart disease and interruptions in chemotherapy treatment”. The article further states, “BPA is a plastic hardening chemical that can be found in polycarbonate drink containers...cars, PVC pipe...”.

We do not believe any product potentially linked to these types of risks should have its use mandated by the Hawaii State Legislature.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

UNITED STATES PIPE & FOUNDRY COMPANY, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle R. Selle", written over a horizontal line.

Lyle R. Selle
Pacific Coast Regional Sales Manager