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**Before the House Committee on
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010
8:00 AM
Room 312**

**In consideration of
Senate Bill 2409
RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Our company owns and operates two boats that engage in snorkel activities within the Molokini Shoal MLCD. We urge you to pass Senate Bill 2409 as it will allow all parties (including the public-at-large, the DLNR and commercial operators) to discuss proposed changes to the rules on any MLCD.

It is imperative that all parties fully understand the proposed benefits, possible conflicts and difficulties in any new rule changes. We need to be working as a partnership.

Obviously there do need to be rules, but we would hope that these new rules will be based on input from everyone affected. A case in point would be the recent DLNR rules proposed for the Molokini Shoal Marine Life Conservation District. Many of the new rules included in the permit process were presented to us within just days of having to sign the new permits. Several of these new rules been never been seen before, let alone have been available for review or comments.

As operators it is in our best interest to keep the Marine Life Conservation Districts in a pristine condition and, as stewards of the marine environment, we can also be helpful in bringing to light some of the conditions that contribute to problems in these areas as we visit these places on a frequent basis and have been doing so for the past twenty-five years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. We urge you to provide conditions that will require permit conditions to go to public hearing and be subject to Chapter 91 where everyone can have a sufficient input and debate regarding the conditions that should be in the permit.