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TESTIMONY
In STRONG SUPPORT of SB2859
RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING ACT
Presented to the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and
Intergovernmental Affairs
For the public hearing 2 p.m. Monday, February 8, 2010
In Conference Room 224

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

February 7, 2010

Motor vehicle industry franchise laws have been around for a long time and appear in all 50 States, these laws are important to protect the states consumers and it's Automobile Dealers from the manufacturers in instances where they only have their interests in mind, As exemplified in the closing of the only Dodge dealer on Maui thus leaving their consumers on that island without any representation to get their vehicles repaired.

To quote congress from their Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009'

"(1) Automobile dealers are an asset to automobile manufacturers that make it possible to serve communities and sell automobiles nationally."

I want to thank you for your consideration of this measure to insure a healthy transportation sector for Hawaii—one which includes a healthy auto industry capable of being responsive to the needs of Hawaii consumers. I respectfully ask that you pass SB2859.

Respectfully Submitted

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President,

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Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard

Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Government Affairs

Room 224 Hawaii State Capitol

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony for SB2859

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

This legislation, SB 2859, is very important to our industry and to our state. This Bill relating to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Act will amend portions of current law to help strengthen and protect the industry from unfair treatment of franchise agreements at a state and local level. Last year, automobile manufacturers were able to revoke franchise agreements under the guidelines of bankruptcy filings. Without strengthening our current Motor Vehicle Licensing Act, every dealer in the state is at risk of having their franchise agreement revoked without fair consideration. This would be devastating to any small business and cost many jobs throughout our state. This happened to one of our dealers last year, Island Dodge on Maui. Without strong support of this legislation, many small businesses are at risk.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hansen,
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