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Hi, Thank you for getting my testimony in, however, I was informed, my testimony fell under the "for blower ban" during the hearing.

Sorry if I did not make it clear enough in my first testimony. Excuse me if this looks bad, but just trying to get my message across. To reiterate;

I am **AGAINST SB466 and any other bill banning the use of blowers**

Would you be able to kindly re submit my testimony? Appreciate any help!

Thank You,

Randy

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Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair

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against SB466

Aloha Representative Karamatsu and Representative Ito, I hope my testimony is not too late, and my voice can be heard. My name is Randy Liu, and I am the Grounds and Landscaping Manager at the Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Waikiki (Sheraton Waikiki, Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection, Moana Surfrider, a Westin Resort, and the Princess Kaiulani). I am **against SB466** to ban leaf blowers, or any of the other bills proposed in the Senate and House; SB466 SD2 HD 1, SB2356, HB 2047.

Here at the hotels, even though guests pay a premium for their tranquility, there is still a place for the use of blowers, if they are used consciously and considerately. Gas blowers are more efficient at moving leaves than raking or sweeping, and save valuable man

hours that keep our costs down.

Furthermore, what is good for residents in Diamond Head or the resort living of Hualalai district, may not be what is good for a condo in Salt Lake or Waipahu who are trying to keep costs down with time saving machinery. If these communities require stricter noise level controls, why don't they take care of it at an association or community level? Why limit the whole State?

Are there not noise pollution laws already in place? Nothing before 8am and after 9pm, no work on Sundays, etc, etc. If Landscapers are excluded from this law, why not just amend the law to include them? Why make a whole other law singling out the blower? And who will regulate this law? Will we need to hire more state personnel to oversee this?

Also, small engine companies such as STIHL, Echo, Shindaiwa, and Honda are all aware of the emissions and noise levels two cycle engines produce and they are working hard to change the technology to reduce these outputs. In a short time, emissions and noise levels will be lower than ever before.

In a time when we are focusing on economy, and ways to drive revenue, limiting a landscaper, Gardener, or maintenance man from blower use is like taking away a pipe wrench from a plumber, or a spray gun from a painter. The results will only drive prices up in our field of work as it will take a considerable amount more labor to do what a leaf blower can do.

I humbly ask for your consideration

Thank You,

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