

SB 707

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Re: SB707 – Relating to Cable Television Systems

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Taniguchi and members of the CPN/JPO committees,

I want to thank you for the forward thinking and responsible approach to the management of these vital community resources know as P-E-G access. Your amendment to HRS440G perfectly details the original intent of the PEG creation. I also want to thank you for scheduling this hearing and giving SB707 consideration by this committee.

For two decades PEG access, as provided and funded by Oceanic Time Warner Cable with their own monies, has provided a significant opportunity and avenue for the expression of free speech issues. The result has been an incredible broadening of awareness, connectivity and understanding on critical issues within each of our communities. Today, I ask for your support and passage of SB707.

Passage of this bill will take the necessary steps to insure that Hawaii's free speech is not left to the lowest bidder or reduce our basic freedom to a simple commodity. This bill also recognizes that a single system of application does not recognize the unique differences of our islands and in particular the disparity of operating funds available to that community. One size does not fit all and an exemption to the RFP process is warranted.

The State undertook the task of assigning PEG entities during the creation of this system. Through the years each organization has developed a specialized series of operations that is truly unique to that community and serves the ever-changing needs of the people. There are no other organizations that provide video production training, computer skills, editing and the necessary elements of film making at a minimal cost. Plus the necessary equipment to perform each of these functions at no cost. In addition to this hundreds of community organizations have benefited from the training and possibilities that exist in public access. Our organization is the only one of its kind on Kauai. I hope that these features are worth protecting for our future generations.

Often times the questions of accountability is brought to attention. Currently there is a significant level of accountability through our agreement with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. We all regularly provide audited financial documents. Each year we provide the State with an Annual Activity Report, a Year-End Activity Report, an Executive Summary and an Executive Summary Comparative. We have undergone three management and inventory audits directed by the DCCA within the past four years. Considering the financial reporting, operational reporting, and independent reviews and audits of performance the State has a sufficient amount of information detailing how we operate and serve our communities. This is indeed a high level of accountability when you consider the State reserves the right to terminate our agreement without cause with a simple 30-day notice.

When Public, Education and Government Access were developed for Hawaii the procurement process was not intended to be placed upon the non-profit organizations. There was an intentional effort to keep an arm's length between the State government and public free speech. This bill will help to insure that protection and hold State entities at a

reasonable distance. There have been reviews and recommendations by the State Legislative Reference Bureau as well as a special report prepared for the DCCA that specifically addresses these issues. Procurement of free speech, video education and training, and serving ones community serves no beneficial purpose to our residents. And while many things can be improved upon procurement is not a remedy – exemption from the process is. The unique and specialized characteristics of our PEG operations are not championed by this competitive process.

Respectfully,

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Managing Director

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Jay April, President and CEO, Akaku: Maui Community Television
Member of the HCR358 Legislative Task Force

Imagine taking twenty years to build a successful business that people relied on, a business that taught people how to talk to each other in meaningful ways, a business that became a national model and an essential community resource by actually helping people succeed. Let's say you built such a business and the state came in, asked you to show them how you did it, counted up all your money and assets, and told you it was taking over and putting everything you built out to bid to the lowest bidder. What if they told you that you too could bid, on your own business, as long as you agreed to accept non-negotiable "conditions" required by the state, and that whoever wins the secret government bidding process for your business, gets everything you built - all your money, your house, your stuff...everything. You get nothing. Nothing to show for your years of hard work and commitment to your community. All the experience, relationships, cultural exchange and community good will you developed over those twenty years would be rendered irrelevant.

This scenario describes a possible fate of successful community access television operations across the state if the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) and the State Procurement Office (SPO) current plan to issue an RFP for PEG Access services were allowed to advance. The consequences of this action have the potential to remove local control of community communications, restrict diversity of voices, disrupt local media education and diminish "electronic green space" on every island. It would be like cutting down a healthy, living forest ecosystem and replacing it with Astroturf.

For years, state agencies have tried to put the free speech channels of Akaku and those of its sister public, educational and government (PEG) access stations on the other islands out to bid to unknown bidders. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued, protests were filed and withdrawn. Court cases and policy boards cast doubt on the process. Hundreds appeared in person to testify against this RFP and nearly a thousand people sent testimony to several state agencies, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) and the Legislature - nearly all testified in favor of an exemption for PEG access, asking

the state to leave our community stations alone. Bills were drawn up to exempt PEG access from this unworkable RFP process and passed unanimously through every committee in the senate and the house. A legislative task force of experts met, drafted comprehensive administrative rules and recommended NO RFP for Community TV. Currently, the DCCA Director himself and the State Comptroller are on record and in agreement that putting something as unique as PEG access out to bid would not be practicable or advantageous to the state. Yet, any day now, the DCCA has announced it will issue a Request for Proposals, or RFP, to put these community TV stations out to bid.

There are a multitude of reasons why an RFP process cannot and will not work which is why this methodology to designate access organizations is used virtually nowhere else in the nation. I will enumerate some of these reasons below:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEG ACCESS REQUIRED GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE MARKET TO BEGIN WITH. COMPETITIVE BIDDING WASTES SOCIAL CAPITAL AND CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY APPLY TO COMMUNITY MEDIA AND THE MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS

By creating PEG Access channel requirements for cable and setting aside a small percentage of subscriber fees as "rent" for use of public rights of way, the federal government (and the Hawaii Legislature) directly intervened in the market because it knew that the cable TV marketplace would not support media literacy and local democratic television on its own. For the DCCA to apply a competitive bidding market methodology (RFP) to a non-market entity (sole source PEG access) is contrary to why PEG access was established in the first place. PEG Access is not a commodity. PEG Access Providers in each county are independent not for profit 501(c) 3 corporations who have built up valuable social capital for many years to fulfill the unique and fully local communications needs of each county. This social capital, a centerpiece of healthy community media, would be lost in any competitive bidding scenario.

PEG ACCESS FUNDS ARE NOT STATE FUNDS. THEY ARE DERIVED FROM LOCAL CABLE SUBSCRIBER FEES AS RENT FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Franchise fees from cable subscribers are not state funds. They are paid directly from the cable company to the PEG Access organizations in each county without passing through the state's general fund. Local cable access boards provide proper oversight for the use of these funds and are the appropriate local guardians of this healthy public domain.

PEG ACCESS ORGANIZATIONS ARE SOLE SOURCE ENTITIES IN EACH COUNTY. NO ONE ELSE IS SET UP TO FULFILL THIS MISSION

These stations were set up in local communities and in Hawaii for the sole purpose and no other purpose but to create public access to cable and provide

free or low cost media skills for any and all comers. No other entities other than Hawaii's existing PEG Access organizations can hold claim to this specific mission. Simply put, there are no other qualified vendors with community access TV experience other than the PEGs themselves. PEG Access organizations are sole source entities in that they are the only form of television without an institutional programming agenda. Unlike all other forms of television, these fully democratic media have built years of social capital on each island to empower local communities to program these channels on a first-come-first-served basis. No other form of television has these public benefit characteristics. With procurement, the offerer with the most cameras wins. Established PEGs on the other hand were set up specifically to build local social capital and are wholly unique in character and structure. They are a true sole source. They have no analog. No one else does this. There are no other qualified "vendors" and should PEG access organizations in Hawaii be subject to open competitive bidding, a replacement entity with a different agenda would in all likelihood even with the best intentions and adequate funding not have the required expertise or built up social capital to follow the mission.

THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO USE PROCUREMENT TO DESIGNATE PEG ACCESS HAS ALREADY FAILED.

After issuing two hotly contested Requests for Information (RFI) the state issued an RFP in July 2007 and it failed. Akaku on Maui and Olelo on Oahu protested and the RFP was withdrawn. The RFP had provisions that were contrary to federal and state statutes and others that may have been illegal or discriminatory. It allowed the taking of property without compensation, ignored community building aspects of PEG access, did not require bidders to have public access management experience, contradicted the DCCA's own PEG self sustainability plan, diverted the majority of money, power and assets to state agencies at the expense of the public, forced PEG access stations to operate paycheck to paycheck on a month to month basis, mandated that funds be diverted to government without compensation, did not provide for community TV to collect its fair share of funding allowed by federal law, made no provision for community control and oversight and directed that decisions affecting the public access designee would be made in secret by unnamed state officials with no local input.

The RFP process initiated by DCCA/SPO appears, on its surface at least, to be a selective and arbitrary process unaccountable to the public or to the legislature. It lacks meaningful oversight, contains no clearly defined evaluation process and appears designed to weaken PEG Access providers in each county regardless of who the successful applicant or applicant(s) may be.

RFP PROCESS HAS PROVEN INCONSISTENT AND MAY NOT APPLY TO PEG ACCESS

The RFP example we have had to work with to date is inconsistent in that it singles out only the franchise fee contribution to the PEG Access providers as subject to procurement. It mandates a disproportionate amount of funding to state education and government at public expense, does not address other franchise fee allotments to vested interests or other tangible benefits to the state such as institutional networks, satellite dishes and the like, benefits that the DCCA Director has stated "provide enormous value to the state." ***Nor does the RFP address the central issue of why PEG access, since it is derivative of cable franchises themselves, should be subject to procurement at all.***

RFP DRAFTING PROCESS DOES NOT REFLECT "BEST PRACTICE"

The Hawaii RFP process is viewed by national experts as "not best practice" (see video report to HCR358 Task Force) and appears designed to weaken the PEG Access organizations possibly because of the failure of SPO/DCCA to acquire the necessary expertise to draft the RFP. Specific examples include: Splitting of Funds - Previous RFI/RFP drafts issued by SPO/DCCA indicated a prejudice in favor of a funding mechanism that splits funds into three P, E, and G categories contradicting "best practices" recommended in two previous state studies including recommendations from a report prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau in 1995 and the 1997 DCCA study, "Disputes Over PEG Resources; Splitting the Baby is Not the Solution"

Restrictions on Business and Development- Previous RFI / RFP did not allow successful applicants to pay for legitimate costs of doing business for the duration of the contract. These expenses include advertising and public relations, client activities or programs, travel and transportation costs, food, lodging or mileage. Even fundraising was restricted without the approval of the Director of DCCA. In addition, previous RFI /RFP did not allow current PEG providers – which are independent, non-profit corporations – to use franchise fee funds for the preparation of the RFP and mandated a monthly, first in, first out (FIFO) franchise fee allotment. This requirement alone, coupled with a short 3 year renewal term before another RFP was issued, would severely restrict any successful applicant from conducting business in a prudent manner by limiting the PEG access organization's ability to attract significant grant funding, build up reserve financial capital, invest wisely or engage in meaningful long term planning. These requirements also directly contradict the DCCA's own 2004 PEG Plan for the future development of PEG Access in Hawaii.

THE HCR358 TASK FORCE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT PEG ACCESS BE EXEMPT FROM CHAPTER 103D ADMINISTRATIVELY OR LEGISLATIVELY

In 2008, your HCR358 Legislative Task Force, including several county procurement officers, studied this issue at length and determined that the incumbent PEG access organizations should be exempt from procurement.

With public comment overwhelmingly in favor of an exemption for the incumbent PEG access providers and the Procurement Policy Board sharply divided on this issue, If an RFP moves ahead as planned and the legislature chooses to sit this one out, litigation on the part of unsuccessful applicants will be likely drag on leaving the resolution of some of these issues up to the judiciary causing the state and the PEG access organizations to expend additional funds and further supporting the argument that procurement is not practicable or advantageous to the state.

Despite a Court ruling and comments by the Attorney General's office that the Director can exercise discretion to use "any other reasonable method" other than procurement to designate access corporations, the Director has taken the position that although he is in favor of a permanent exemption, he is nevertheless bound by law to follow the lead of the State Procurement Office which has ordered the DCCA to issue an RFP.

THERE IS A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION

SB 707 is it. There has been a solution on the table for years. In 2008, an identical bill to SB707 (SB1789) sailed unanimously through every legislative committee but never made it out of the House Finance Committee. A HCR358 legislative task force was set up to study the issue and in it's final report to the legislature made specific recommendations and draft rules for PEG Access designation as an alternative to procurement. A solution to the entire Access designation issue is available in the report and detailed, comprehensive administrative rules have been developed that will silence even the harshest critic. SB707 contains language that will exempt PEG Access corporations from this flawed State Procurement process and deserves to be heard by committee and considered by the legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today.

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

RE: Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

Aloha Senators,

My name is Linda Ruth Puppolo, Administrative Services Director of Akaku: Maui Community Television.

I support SB707 but do not plan to attend the hearing because I need to be at Akaku today in the absence of my CEO Jay April. Neighbor Island constituents have the heart to testify; not the funds or the time to be able to travel to Oahu. If this hearing were on Maui, you might have as many as five hundred to one thousand folks at your door.

Why is public, educational and government (PEG) access important?

On Oahu, there are many television stations that report relevant "Oahu-centric" information such as human interest, nonprofit issues and events, etc. to the residents of the entire state. The island of Oahu is well represented in the media. On the other hand, the content on these television stations about the neighbor islands centers around tragedy and crime. Even the local sports shows viewed are almost exclusively about the OIA and the ILH. Occasionally, a neighbor island team is highlighted at a state tournament but it is not the norm. The stations cite the cost of travel as the culprit and will be the first ones to admit that the coverage of neighbor island issues is minimal.

On the neighbor islands, local residents have the opportunity for a share in media coverage on PEG, the public, educational and government, access television stations. The issues and programming are localized in nature and created by the people that understand the content best with the PEG access centers training residents in video production, lending equipment, producing studio shows and a magazine news show, covering county council and boards and commissions meetings, providing an "electronic soap box" called "hot set" or "community commentary", helping nonprofits with PSAs and uncensored programming of pieces submitted by any Maui County resident.

AKAKU'S MISSION STATEMENT IS

"EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY'S VOICE THROUGH ACCESS TO MEDIA".

Akaku: Maui Community Television, the “Voice of Maui County” is well-known and vitally utilized by the residents of Maui County and it is reflected in the following ways:

- 984 Maui County residents were served in the training of video production, producer gatherings and media salons and they submitted 550 hours of programming from Akaku newly trained producers and 18,820 hours of programming locally produced independent programming.
- There were over 800 hours of local residents “hot set” open mic segments on our Monday-Friday venue. There was 3,223 hours of local Bulletin Board information from the local nonprofit community informing the public about local events that nonprofits sponsor in the community.
- Akaku was honored with 1,883 volunteer hours for events from 61 volunteers, 540 student intern volunteer hours and 8 student interns from Horizon’s Academy, Kamehameha School, King Kekaulike High School, Maui Community College and Maui High School.
- The Akaku studio was used for series and live shows by 658 people in fy09 for a total of 2,585 original live viewing hours. This number does not include the series shows, hot sets, nonprofit PSAs or the Maui Daily magazine news show.
- 152,488 hours of camera/accessories time was provided to community producers on Maui and 4,368 hours of editing bay time for post-production were logged (not including the 54 classes that were conducted in the media lab and studio).
- Akaku covered 11 County Board & Commissions meetings and 194 County Council meetings for a total of 5,134 locally produced hours of new programming. All Akaku segments have the capability of being viewed at a time convenient to local residents through Akaku’s website “Video On Demand” feature. And this feature is utilized regularly and strategically by the public.
- Akaku also streams Channel 54 on the website and would stream all three channels regularly if broadband technology on Maui made this possible. Many residents in Maui County cannot even receive cable access and this would allow them to watch the channels and see information relevant to their community through the internet.
- Akaku has developed strong relationships with the nonprofit community and develop three minute PSAs regularly (2-3 a week) and also cover local events in rural areas such as Lanai High & Elementary Career Day, Moloka’i Sustainability Program and Makahiki Events, the East Maui Taro Festival in Hana, the Haiku Ho’olaulea Flower Festival, Whale Day and the County Fair. These events allow local residents a chance to “shout-out” their viewpoints about local issues and see themselves in their own communities. It also allows Akaku to mentor new video producers in the field.
- A highlight of the Akaku educational program was realized last December when Akaku Certified Producer, Destin Daniel Cretton, returned as the Media Salon presenter with a screening and discussion of his Sundance Award winning film, “Short Term 12” also nominated for an Oscar for film “shorts” to give back to the community by telling the story of his success in the film industry.
- The Maui Daily Magazine News Show airs a new show weekly and highlights Maui County issues and events. Shows are produced and hosted by both Akaku Board of Directors, Staff and Community Nonprofit Directors. This show allows the folks in the county that will never pick up a camera the right to use the station in the form of “electronic soapbox” time providing fair and equal access to media for everyone.

This bill is intended to, among other things, exempt Maui County’s Akaku Community Television, as well as, the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu (Olelo Community Television) and the other neighbor islands (Na Leo O Hawaii and Hoike Kauai Community Television) from the state procurement process. Akaku has been serving Maui County since 1992.

During this period, these valued community assets have generated an enormous amount of social capital, which has been sustained through many years of community-building, untold hours of volunteerism, and effective social networking developed through innovative and effective collaborative efforts with other non-profits, as well as, institutional and non-institutional educational, government and social organizations as you can clearly see from the list above.

The social capital developed over the years cannot be arbitrarily valued for the sake of conducting a competitive bid process, as the state would do for a fleet of cars. The law provides for exemptions from the procurement process in which such a process would be either “not practicable” or “advantageous to the state”. The State Procurement Office has exempted dog food from the procurement code; why not the public access resources?

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PROTECT THESE RIGHTS.

Please approve SB707, and provide Akaku and the other public access organizations with a sense of certainty they have earned from decades of dedicated community service. This procurement process has been dragging on since 2005 and has caused “certain harm” to the stability of the organizations. With stable funding, these organizations will thrive and serve the community. On the neighbor islands, there is no credible proof that there is another organization that could “step in” and provide this service to the community. Recently when the County of Maui solicited an RFP for video production of Boards and Commissions meetings, only two other bidders submitted a bid and neither had the experience or expertise that it would require to operate a public access television station.

In previous RFPs issued by the DCCA for the PEG agreements that were protested by both Olelo and Akaku, some of the suggested terms of agreement were to make a monthly allotment of payments, a one year term of agreement or a three year term of agreement. If the goal of public access is to become “more sustainable”, then all of these terms would hinder the progress. The original PEG Plan had additional support for the PEGs.

In January of 2004, the DCCA created a plan mandating the PEGs to become more “sustainable”. Not only did the DCCA not follow through on the parts of the plan that would really help the neighbor island PEGs but they seemed to disable several income streams with poorly thought out RFPs and directives. The following points have made it difficult for our organizations to create additional revenue streams.

- This plan also included more financial support for rural communities from additional franchise fee revenue for the PEGs. It is especially important for Maui County with the consideration that we have four very remote, rural communities on three islands. The DCCA ignored its own plan and no additional funding was ever generated. Reallocated funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 a year was to be given to the PEGs from monies appropriated to support the INET which was deployed already and unlikely to be needed in the future. What happened to this plan and this money? This is documented on the DCCA website.

- Akaku proceeded to buy a building to comply with this mandated plan as an investment in the future and to bank the former rent as earned equity in mortgage payments. The only acknowledgement of this by the DCCA was the threat that if Akaku was put up for procurement, from their point of view this building would revert back to the state.
- Akaku also invested franchise fees wisely all year and developed an income stream in interest/dividends. The DCCA then decided to issue only six month contracts with Time Warner putting these monies in a 1% interest bearing account from which they took yet another administrative fee and severely reduced this income stream.
- With only a six month agreement in place and the future of PEGs uncertain, significant grant funding is unlikely but Akaku managed to secure some grant funding anyway.
- In the fall of 2008, in a unanimous vote, the Maui County Council voted down a Honolulu based resolution for the “government” monies for public access to go to the county and not to Akaku. Our Maui Council Members support the work of Akaku and believe the organization should continue to receive these monies directly and feel more comfortable with this coverage being an “arms-length” from government. Even though studies say it is a bad idea to “Split the Baby”, the threats continue to shut down the entities.

Here is a passage from the 2004 PEG Plan from the DCCA website.

PEG Plan (from the DCCA website for your review)

Due in any event, it is clear that there are a number of areas which are underserved by the current system. These include islands such as Molokai and Lanai, rural areas on the neighbor islands such as Hana, and portions of Oahu such as the windward side. It is also clear that some of the recent successes in PEG access have occurred when PEG access services are brought into communities where there is a strong need and support for them, such as Waianae and Palolo on Oahu.

In order to support additional funding for these services without increasing the amounts assessed to cable subscribers, DCCA will reallocate funds that are currently being collected to support its administration of cable regulation in Hawaii. In the past, up to \$500,000/yr. of those funds have been appropriated to support the INET. Since the INET is largely deployed, expenditures at that level are unlikely to be needed in the future. Accordingly, DCCA will seek to reallocate a portion of the amount currently collected to support cable administration, and make these additional funds available for PEG purposes as described in the process below. The result will be an increase in funds available for PEG purposes, without an increase in cable subscribers' overall bills.

DCCA's Funding Plan: Additional funding to support cable access in underserved areas

DCCA will implement a three (3) year pilot program that will provide additional funding to meet the cable access needs of currently underserved areas. Such funding could be used to support additional access centers or for other programs which will enhance services in those areas.

Criteria for the program will be developed by DCCA in consultation with the cable advisory committee. It is anticipated that the cable advisory committee will also assist in reviewing applications and making funding recommendations to the Director of DCCA. Additional funding will be available to only the four (4) PEG access organizations.

This funding would have helped tremendously to serve the four remote areas of a three island County but was never followed. Akaku has a satellite office on Moloka'i and continues to serve Hana, Lanai and the West Side despite the limited funding.

Since 2006 which is when I began at Akaku, we have successfully passed independent audits every year, workers compensation audits, inventory audits, IRS audits and DCCA oversight with a comprehensive report submitted yearly to the DCCA without question. I urge you folks to really take the time to review our history. It is and has been available.

Please pass SB707 and provide the people with the opportunity for these community-based organizations to continue, expand and build upon their only missions....to serve their communities by providing hyper-local media opportunities , which allow the venue or “soapbox” for people to exercise their first amendment rights and have their voices heard as the concept of democracy intended.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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My name is Tina Lia, Producer Representative on the Board of Directors for Akaku: Maui Community Television

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the hearing

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These dedicated, community-based non-profit public access organizations have been serving communities throughout the state for over 20-years.

During this period, these valued community assets have generated an enormous amount of social capital, which has been sustained through many years of community-building, untold hours of volunteerism, and effective social networking developed through innovative and effective collaborative efforts with other non-profits, as well as, institutional and non-institutional educational, government and social organizations.

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Please approve SB707, and provide Akaku and the other public access organizations with a sense of certainty they have earned from decades of dedicated community service. This will allow these community-based organizations to continue, expand and build upon their only missions...to serve their respective communities by providing extended media opportunities , which allow the venue or “soapbox” for people exercise their first amendment rights and have their voices heard.

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From: David B. Fisher, Maui Venture Consulting LLC

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB707

I am writing in support of SB707 which would exempt the long established community-based public access television providers from the attempt to place these organizations in to the State procurement process.

My perspective is from 30 years of business and economic development experience, 20 of which are in Hawaii. From 1996 to 2003 I served on the Hawaii Governor's Community Based Economic Development Advisory Committee representing the island of Maui. In June 2009 I was asked to join the board of Akaku on Maui and am currently a member of the board.

Public Access stations provide a unique role in our society as they 1) provide an organized platform allowing many points of view to be heard, 2) provide affordable convenient training in creating media content to increase the capacity of the community to articulate its interests.

This public access platform role is important for our democracy and our economy. Lack of information leads to poor choices. Lack of the ability to be heard leads to the experience of disenfranchisement, distrust and cynicism.

The effort to place Hawaii's public access organization is counterproductive at best, and at worse seems to be an effort by a powerful few to cut off free speech. It would be very difficult if not impossible for new entities to duplicate the skills, independence, community trust, and other assets that the existing organizations have developed.

Last but not least, the cost of defending a franchise is diverting already scare resources that would better be used serving the community through training, producing programming and creating jobs by going after broadband stimulus funds.

I strongly urge you to support SB707 and free up our public access channels to play their role during these very challenging times.

Respectfully,

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My name is Gordon Fuller and I am the Executive Director at the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living (HCIL). I support SB707. Public access television has provided the disabled community with a voice and a chance to speak freely through media. Having the opportunity to inform the community on important issues dealing with people who have disabilities helps to further HCIL's mission for Independent living. And, knowing that across the Hawaiian Islands, 1 in 5 people have a disability and 1 in 4 who are aging, it is crucial that these public access television providers continue their hard work to ensure the community's access to media.

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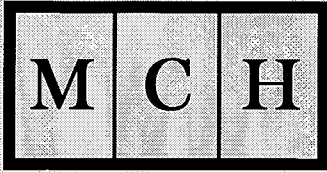
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Fuller", written over a white background.

Gordon Fuller





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Regarding: Support for SB707

Before Senate Committees: Commerce and Consumer Protection

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To: Chairpersons Baker and Taniguchi

Members of the Committees

The Media Council Hawai'i joins with numerous individuals and organizations in support of SB 707.

We believe that to subject Hawaii's successful PEG Access providers to the State Procurement process represents the potential waste of valuable assets. We believe that these organizations are more correctly viewed as "sole source" providers.

We believe that there needs to be an open evaluation process of all PEG providers and that such a process will guard against any possible abuses by existing PEG providers. The results of this approach can be factored into ongoing operations through negotiations.

Application of the State Procurement rules and requirement of midstream competitive bidding risk the great progress made by these non-profit organization, not to mention jobs of long time staff of PEG companies.

For these reasons we urge passage of SB 707. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Conybeare
President

baker5 - Leo

From: Bailey House Museum [baileyhousemuseum@clearwire.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 10:31 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Nicole Mullen and I am the Executive Director of the Maui Historical Society.

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the hearing.

The bill is intended to, among other things, exempt Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu and the other neighbor islands from the state procurement process.

As a Maui community member, I support community media. These dedicated, community-based non-profit public access organizations have been serving communities throughout the state for over 20-years.

These valued community assets have many years of community-building, untold hours of volunteerism, and effective social networking developed through innovative and effective collaborative efforts with other non-profits, as well as, institutional and non-institutional educational, government and social organizations. Maui's Akaku has supported non-profits like the Maui Historical Society by providing free promotional opportunities both in the studio and on-site.

Please approve SB707. This will allow these community-based organizations to continue, expand and build upon their only missions...to serve their respective communities by providing extended media opportunities, which allow the venue or "soapbox" for people exercise their first amendment rights and have their voices heard.

Sincerely,

Nicole McMullen



NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

of Wailuku

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Venus Rosete-Hill, Executive Director – Neighborhood Place of Wailuku

I support SB707; however due to scheduling conflicts, I will be unable to attend the hearing which is scheduled for Thursday, 18 February 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

The bill is intended to, among other things, exempt Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as, the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu (Olelo Community Television) and the other neighbor islands (Na Leo O Hawaii and Hoike Kauai Community Television) from the state procurement process.

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Sincerely,

Venus Rosete-Hill, Executive Director

baker5 - Leo

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 6:50 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: ricornellas@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for CPN/JGO 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM SB707

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Richard Ornellas
Organization: Molokai High School
Address: PO Box 158 Hoolehua, Hawaii 96729
Phone: 212-203-7481
E-mail: ricornellas@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 Relating to Cable Television

My name is (fill in name and who you are (student, teacher, member of organization, etc)).

I support SB707 and plan to (attend the hearing or not attend the hearing)

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Sincerely,
Richard Ornellas

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 2:28 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: heyjude512@verizon.net
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Judai Melton
Organization: Individual
Address: 28620 Hoylake Court Sun City, CA 92586
Phone: (951)3010677
E-mail: heyjude512@verizon.net
Submitted on: 2/17/2010

Comments:
I want the Honolau marine sanctuary preserved.

baker5 - Leo

From: Michael Duberstein [jiliwai34@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 1:36 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY PERTAINING TO SB 707 BY MICHAEL J. DUBERSTEIN OF KIHEI

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 707 BY MICHAEL J. DUBERSTEIN

Aloha Kakou

Over the past decade I have witnessed an unrelenting attack conducted by a small but powerful statewide political establishment upon the most vocal and vibrant vehicles available to promote free speech—our Hawai'i public access community media outlets.

Unfortunately, these attacks are nothing more than opala pure and simple.

I believe one reason I was chosen to be a public member of the board of Akaku Maui Community Television was my commitment to do all I could to head off further attacks. I participated in the Task Force meetings seeking alternatives to the RFP process and was pleased when the Task Force report rated the RFP methodology as the least desirable option in awarding these rights. And I know that the DCCA Director and State Comptroller do not believe that a bidding process is the right answer.

Bluntly put, if the bidding process chooses the highest bidder there is no guarantee that all the wide range of voices now being broadcast would be inclusive—and indeed, the high bidder might turn public access into another tourist-aimed business. At the other extreme, awarding to the lowest bidder would achieve just that, very low quality.

Your Committee has a terrific opportunity now via SB 707 to institutionalize a well-designed and logical system through which public access media will be governed from now on. And as you already know, SB 707 is neither radical nor is it something quite new. Indeed, it mirrors HCR 358 from two years ago which was unfortunately derailed at the last minute by the House Finance Committee.

The Task Force that was created as a final second—and very inadequate, compromise—and which I attended here in Maui via teleconferencing (even though I was not a Task Force member) should be the basis of your current decision-making. The strong recommendation of the Task Force that an RFP is the worst choice open to the state should suffice as the correct course for you to follow. And that course, of course, is to speed SB 707 through to final passage.

Mahalo for listening to my mana'o and malama pono,

Michael J. Duberstein
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Kihei 96753
891-0597

baker5 - Leo

From: Michele H. Jones [yogamichi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:29 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Akaku is valuable to our Molokai community

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Michele Holley-Jones and I am an acupuncturist on the island of Molokai.

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,

Michele Holley-Jones, L.Ac.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:11 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: lafleurjourneys@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Steve LaFleur
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lafleurjourneys@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/17/2010

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:00 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: rockfishstu@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for CPN/JGO 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM SB707

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sid Winek
Organization: Individual
Address: P.O. Box 1364 Kihei, HI 96753
Phone: 298-5389
E-mail: rockfishstu@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/17/2010

Comments:
Please help support our most valuable right.
The right to free speech.

baker5 - Leo

From: Boughton, William [William.Boughton@edwardjones.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 10:33 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: RFP Process for Public Access Television

To whom it may concern,

As a Hawaii resident, I firmly oppose the DCCA proposal to put AKAKU TX or any other public access television station out for RFP bid. This is counter to the interest of the people of Hawaii, and should not be pursued.

Mahalo!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 8:03 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: lou@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Louis
Organization: Individual
Address: 574 Papau Hikina Place Kihei
Phone: 808-874-8340
E-mail: lou@maui.net
Submitted on: 2/17/2010

Comments:

As a video producer for the past 30 years, I've seen the procurement process fail again and again, to provide the best most qualified applicants in the process. In the case of the PEGS, where the qualifications are broad and complex procurement would not serve the community's best interest. Community Access NPO's have spent many years developing a process in each of their communities, that best suits that community. Why would you want to throw all this work out to start over again? Procurement for these organizations is wrong. I would like to stand in support of SB 707.

baker5 - Leo

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 8:07 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: kahukama@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for CPN/JGO 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM SB707

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Natalie Kama
Organization: Individual
Address: 1803 Nani Street Wailuku, HI
Phone: (808) 298-8276
E-mail: kahukama@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/17/2010

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF SB707.

The approval of SB707 would exempt AKAKU from the state procurement process.

This is key to Akakū's future survival and its ability to continue its mission of "Empowering Our Community's Voice through Access to the Media".

AKAKU has and continues to serve my community of Maui County for over 20 years. In this time so many persons have been able to become trained in being "media savvy". Our youth have been able to have a venue to get their voices heard. The public has been able to take their issues and concerns to the community and relationships been built which has strengthened our community. Maui is a strong community because AKAKU has allowed the voices to flow freely and the diversity of those voices has brought people together in wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

Ladies and Gentlemen: For many many years there has been a concerted effort to remove AKAKU and silence our voices.

If you do not pass this bill, you will be silencing the voices of the people on Maui, Lanai, Molokai and Kahoolawe. Without AKAKU, truth would not be revealed. Public access is about the public having access to the giving and receiving of information which is so critical in the 21st century.

Our community has worked hard in establishing the relationship we have with AKAKU. Putting AKAKU through a procurement process goes against all the years of hard work our community has invested to make AKAKU a truly public access station.

I URGE YOUR STRONG SUPPORT IN PASSING THIS BILL.

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Jacqueline Prouty and I am a retiree.

I support SB707 and plan not to attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline Prouty

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Carmella M. Genereux, Pharmacy Technician

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the hearing

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Sincerely,

Carmella M. Genereux

baker5 - Leo

From: Mark Rudd [eatsurflivelove@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 6:13 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: SB707

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Sincerely,

md rudd

eatsurflivelove@hawaii.rr.com

baker5 - Leo

From: Luc LaBrosse [luca@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:26 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: save local tv

please save local tv we need it for some tv from Maui

if its not local its not fun to watch

we need it so save it, thank you and mahalo

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From: bonnie bonse [bcbonse@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:49 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Bonnie Bonse. I am a resident of Makawao, Island Coordinator for Hawai`i Seed and a supporter of community-based television and radio.

I am not able to attend Thursday's hearing.

I support SB707 which would exempt Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as other community-based public access television providers from the state procurement process.

For over twenty years, these valued community assets have generated an enormous amount of social capital, which has been sustained through many years of community-building, untold hours of volunteerism, and effective social networking developed through innovative and effective collaborative efforts with other non-profits, as well as, institutional and non-institutional educational, government and social organizations.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Bonse

182 S. Makaleha Place

Makawao, HI 96768

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From: Ron Zimardi [ron@zimardi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 7:15 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

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My name is Ron Zimardi, Pres. Sacred Wanderer Productions, Maui

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Mahalo and Regards

Ron Ravi Dass Zimardi

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Megan Stephenson, reporter with the *Molokai Dispatch*.

I support SB707, and while I cannot attend the hearing, I anxiously urge you to support all community-based media as that is what your constituents rely upon.

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Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 10:45 am

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Mrs. June Forrester (St. Theresa Church-Kihei- Hale Kau Kau program)

I support SB707.

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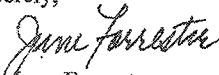
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Sincerely,



Mrs. June Forrester

baker5 - Leo

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 9:40 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: paulokawikaburns@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for CPN/JGO 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM SB707

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Paulo Burns
Organization: Individual
Address: PO Box 901 Hana Hi 96713
Phone: 808 264-0699
E-mail: paulokawikaburns@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

I am in support of the bill to protect the situation at Akaku and other public radio stations in Hawaii. We are on the verge of losing our freedom of speech and if we allow these faithfully serving organizations to lose control of the station than it is probable that it will be infiltrated by the same people that are slowly taking away all of our rights and freedoms and slowly taking control of every aspect of our lives. We must stand up against these small acts that eventually add up to us losing our freedoms and becoming overly controlled. Please vote in favor of this bill to have some non-corporate controlled voice to still be spoken. Mahalo and God Bless.
Paulo

baker5 - Leo

From: Adam Gaines [artistictouchpaintingmaui@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:31 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: SB707

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Adam Gaines with E&S Painting.

I support SB707 and plan to try to attend the meeting.

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Adam Gaines

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From: Michael Regis [mikeregis@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 5:14 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support for community based public television

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Michael John Regis, a member of SBU Hawaii and a resident of 32years.

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the hearing.

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Kailua Kona, Hi 96740

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Teri Freitas Gorman and today I am testifying as an individual

I support SB707 and I cannot attend the hearing, so I offer written testimony instead.

This bill will exempt Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as, the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu (Olelo Community Television) and the other neighbor islands (Na Leo O Hawaii and Hoike Kauai Community Television) from the state procurement process. This exemption will allow these community-based, community-minded organizations to continue doing their good work for the people of Hawaii.

The State's procurement process is completely inappropriate for the public access sector which requires much more than money to achieve success. The social network of our communities makes up the DNA of these community service organizations. It is neither practical nor advantageous for the state to insist on the procurement process in this unique context.

The approval of SB707 will enable Akaku and other public access organizations to continue delivery of their services and more importantly, their mission, to the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Teri Freitas Gorman

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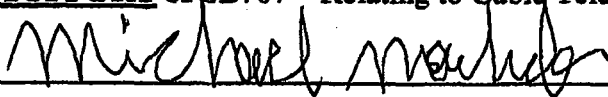
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My name is



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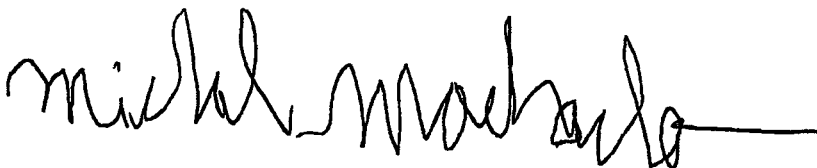
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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Mark Sheehan

I support SB707 but I cannot attend the hearing.

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630 E. Kuiaha Rd.
Haiku, Maui, HI
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- **I support SB707 and plan to not to attend the hearing.**

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**Sincerely,
Marlene Ortiz**

baker5 - Leo

From: Courtney O'Kief [cokief7@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:54 PM
To: CPN Testimony

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Courtney O'Kief with the Save Honolua Coalition.

I support SB707

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Sincerely,

Courtney O'Kief

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From: rob male [rmmale55@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:57 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: SUPPORT SB 707

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Robert Malerba

I have lived on Maui for over 30 years, most of my adult life. I am a member of Hawaii Carpenters

Local #745.

I strongly support SB707 and plan to attend the hearing.

The bill is intended to, among other things, exempt Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as, the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu (Olelo Community Television) and the other neighbor islands (Na Leo O Hawaii and Hoike Kauai Community Television) from the state procurement process.

Since its inception, over 20 years ago, Akaku has been an invaluable asset to Maui County. It has had a fundamental effect on the quality of life and and culture in our community. Akaku has done so much, in so may ways, to contribute to the common good, and to support and develop a greater sense of community in Maui county. Through its various programs, Akaku has been reaching out to the community to provide continuing

education to all people, both young and not so young, training real people to produce and share with the community real programming that is meaningful and important.

Through Akaku, people share what living in the local community means to them. I have enjoyed and learned so much from the many programs produced by regular folks like you and me. I have had the opportunity to experience a plethora of cultural, musical, artistic, athletic and political programming that simply would not have been possible without the efforts of Akaku.

Similarly, with equipment and training I received from Akaku, I have been able to document and proudly share with the community various school plays, dance performances, and other cultural events highlighting the accomplishments of our young people. I feel that this sort of exposure rewards and encourages our youth to move in the direction of more positive self expression.

It is clear that in over two decades of community service Akaku has not only fulfilled the requirements of its charter, but has done so in ways that have greatly enriched our community. Its influence ripples throughout the county in ways not often recognized. Akaku has worked carefully and creatively over the years to become one of the finest public access facilities in America. This is something we can not afford to lose. If we are to continue to enjoy the excellent access services that Akaku provides, we must exempt Akaku Community Television and the other access providers in the state from the procurement process as provided for in SB-707.

We want and need to maintain the quality of community access that Akaku has spent the last 20 years developing. We can not afford to lose this premier service. This is far too important. We must not allow the lowest bidder from who knows where, to come in and take the place of an institution that has meant so much to our community for so long.

I urge you to pass SB -707, for the good of us all.

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Robert Malerba

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From: Rich Houghton [rich.houghton@tsgonline.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:36 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB707

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Richard Houghton, a resident of Maui County for five years.

I support SB707 but am unable to attend the hearing.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:51 AM
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shawn Loughran
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: thebassdragon@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

I am in support of the measure to ensure the public's ability to be on public television in a manner that serves the greater good of the community. Without passage of SB707, Public Access Television would most likely end up a grave yard for programming that is useless to the community. Without proper experience in running a Public Access Television station and understanding the mission, the community of the State of Hawaii will further be left without a voice.

The Communities' Voice on Public Television does not only challenge the Government, it displays the cultural diversity of Hawaii, it's arts, is science, it's entertainers, it's athletes, it's Churches, it's Community Groups, it's non-profits, it's community events, it's Community produced Live Programming, it's history, it's educational programming.

To destroy the ability of Public Access Television to function properly not only empowers the Government to rail-road the community but depresses all that makes the community of Hawaii great.

Rants against are not the only thing Public Access Television is used for, it's mostly used for non-political purposes such as displays the cultural diversity of Hawaii, it's arts, is science, it's entertainers, it's athletes, it's Churches, it's Community Groups, it's non-profits, it's community events, it's Community produced Live Programming, it's health programming, it's history, it's animal programming, it's local news programming etc.

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Gabriel Mott with the SOURCE interactive arts foundation (sourcemaui.com).

I support SB707 and will be unable to attend as I am actively involved in hosting Maui's largest non-juried art show—SOURCE.

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Sincerely,
Gabriel Mott

baker5 - Leo

From: emilyrenesullivan@gmail.com on behalf of Emily Sullivan [emily@akaku.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:12 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: IN SUPPORT of SB707

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Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Emily Sullivan, Director of Productions at Akaku Maui Community Television

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the meeting

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Sincerely,
Emily Sullivan

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Emily Sullivan
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From: Ron Finer [naokomai@yahoo.com]
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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 - Relating to Cable Television

My name is Ronald M. Finer with MAUI UNITE

I support SB707 and plan to (not attend the hearing)

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Yoellah Yuhudah BA Community Producer for 5 years at Akaku

I support SB707 and plan to not to attend.

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Yoellah Yuhudah BA

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From: Angela Smith [gensearch@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:32 PM
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Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 - Relating to Cable Television

My name is Angela Smith, President of the African American Heritage Foundation of Maui.

I support SB707 and I cannot attend the hearing.

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African American Heritage Foundation of Maui

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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

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Sincerely,
Stephen Luksic

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From: Joseph Kerska [j_kerska@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:13 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** SB707 TESTIMONY

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Joseph M. Kerska

I support SB707 and cannot attend the hearing so I wish to add my testimony in support of the bill.

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Sincerely,

Joseph M. Kerska

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Andrea Ballesteros: Street Bikers United Hawaii member, past Secretary for the Maui Harley Owner's Group (HOG) Chapter #44, and past Toys for Tots (Maui) Hostess for 2 consecutive years.

Akaku has been supportive of all motorcycle events over the years. I have worked closely with Akaku's videographer John Dupuis in capturing the biker's giving spirit during the Maui HOG Chapter #44 fundraising events: most recently Maui Harley-Davidson's Support our Troops Run 2009, as well as the Maui Toys for Tots events to collect toy donations for Maui County's children during Christmas. It is with these events being televised throughout the years, that have made our events bigger and better every year. It brings awareness to the community that Hawaii's bikers are really loving, giving, and family oriented people.

I support SB707, but I am not able to attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Ballesteros

Nmg.abg@hawaiiantel.net

Past Street Bikers United Hawaii, Maui Toys for Tots Hostess

Past Maui Harley Owner's Group Secretary

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From: Jim Hentz [jhentz@crmhi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:12 PM
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Subject: SB707
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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Jim Hentz, General Manager for 5 CRM Resorts on Maui, WMTA Director and other community groups too numerous to mention.

I support SB707 but am unable to attend the hearing.

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From: Amy Hampton [amy.hampton@heart.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:21 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: Emily Sullivan
Subject: Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 - Relating to Cable Television

Aloha,

My name is Amy Hampton, Regional Director for the American Heart Association, Maui Division and avid supporter of community television on Maui. Although I won't be able to attend the upcoming hearing, I would like to express my support of SB707.

My understanding is that this bill will exempt Maui County's Akaku Community Television, as well as the community-based public access television providers serving Oahu and the other neighbor islands from the state procurement process. These dedicated, community-based non-profit public access organizations have been serving communities throughout the state for over 20-years and they play an important role in our local communities.

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From: Skye Coe [mauiskye1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:51 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony. . Please approve SB707

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Skye Coe, Maui citizen

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the hearing)

When I first moved to Maui 7 years ago, Akaku was instrumental in giving me a sense of the culture, environment and community. Kuleana, Malama, Lokahi and Laulima are all household words here because those who live here and aloha this home me 'aina and are willing to give of their time and talents through Akaku as a way of educating all both Kama'aina and malahini. Got Akaku?? Got Aloha!! 'Nuf sed!

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From: Marcia Godinez [marciagodinez@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:08 PM
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Subject: Re: SB707 Testimony IN SUPPORT

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Marcia Godinez; I am a former member of the Akaku Maui Community Television Finance Committee.

I support SB707. I will not be able to attend the committee hearing.

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Theresa Roberts and I am member the Maui Flower Grower's Association and the Maui County Farm Bureau.

I support SB707 and plan not to attend the hearing.

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From: Susan Werner [werners002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:44 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707

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Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

Aloha. My name is Susan Werner, and I am a consumer, parent, librarian, and an advocate for free speech. I support SB707 but won't be able to attend your hearing.

I support this bill because it ensures that the terms and conditions required of the operation of an access organization designated are fair to the public, taking into account the geographic, topographic, and economic characteristics of the service area and the economics of providing cable access in the service area. It also ensures that the access organizations would be exempt from the State procurement process.

This is important because we can't have our public access airwaves auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Free speech is not a business, it's a constitutionally protected right of every citizen. The means by which we are able to exercise our right via the airwaves must be a community driven enterprise available to all. It should be protected by the government but not run by it.

Therefore, I ask you to support SB707 and allow non-profit public access organizations to continue to provide these important services to their communities.

Thank you.

Susan Werner
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Haiku HI 96708

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From: Vincent Mina [minav001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:13 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: bill SB707

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Vincent Mina

I support SB707 yet won't be able to attend the hearing, I will be working on our family farm. AKAKU is an essential media outlet for us here on Maui, they have been very supportive in producing informational outreach for our agricultural community and those of us seeking information in being well along with healthy ways of growing our food.

Producing provocative programming intended to inform, empower and support folks best and highest interest they have been a bright light in getting this message across to us as a community.

Being an open door to viewpoints of the community their service raises the awareness of what our people are thinking, sharing and experiencing. Please support and vote for SB 707

Mahalo!

Sincerely, Vincent Mina

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:41 AM
To: CPN Testimony
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marilyn Powers
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: desertginger@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

In support of SB707.

It is critical for our islands to have a local TV station. I have learned about so many important things that apply directly to my life by having Akaku. It has inspired me many times to learn about some of the great people and programs that are here and functioning on Maui, that I would never have know about without Akaku. Akaku gives the people of Maui their own voices. Please support SB707. Mahalo.

Marilyn Powers

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My name is Don Couch.

I support SB707.

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Don Couch

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

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Sincerely,

Melissa E. Nelson

baker5 - Leo

From: Chrissy Kapoor [chrissykap@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:06 PM
To: CPN Testimony

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Christine Kapoor

I support SB707

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Christine Kapoor

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Chrissy Kapoor

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is HOWARD SELNICK, I AM A TEACHER AT MOLOKAI MIDDLE SCHOOL. And I have taught here the past 30 years. AKAKU MUST BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT OF OUR MAUI PEOPLE. FOR AKAKU IS THE DEMOCRATIC WAY, AN OPEN FORUM WILLING TO ACCEPT ALL VOICES AND OPINIONS.

I support SB707 and cannot attend the hearing.

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mahalo,

HOWARD SELNICK

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:38 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: mark@marksheehan.com
Subject: Testimony for SB707 on 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for CPN/JGO 2/18/2010 9:30:00 AM SB707

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Sheehan
Organization: Individual
Address: 630 E. Kuiaha Rd. Haiku, HI
Phone: 808-573-0111
E-mail: mark@marksheehan.com
Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

Please exempt Maui County's Akaku Community TV as well as the Oahu Olelo CTV, Nal Leo O Hawaii and Hoike Kauai from the state procurement process. These community-based non-profits have been serving their communities for 20 years and have generated enormous social capital. So many volunteers serve while they learn skills and get to tell their story which we look forward to seeing. Please approve SB707.
Mahalo,
Mark Sheehan

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From: levi garcia [srh501@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:24 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Daniel Garcia

I support SB707 and plan to attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,
Dan Garcia

baker5 - Leo

From: jeanice barcelo [jeanicebarcelo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 6:39 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony In Support of SB707 - relating to cable television

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Jeanice Barcelo and I am a sociologist, independent childbirth educator, birth trauma prevention specialist.

I support SB707 but will not be able to attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,
Jeanice Barcelo

baker5 - Leo

From: Robin Newbold [robin@mauirobin.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 6:57 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707

Please support SB707. It is critically important for our community to have a local station that empowers our community by providing a place for local issues to be aired. Akaku has been doing an excellent job for 20 years and we want them to continue.

Thank you.

Robin Newbold
Kihei, HI 96753

baker5 - Leo

From: Stephanie Sachs [stephsachs@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 6:02 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Akaku community television

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Stephanie Sachs, artist and host of Akaku art programs. .

I support SB707 and plan to not attend the meeting.

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Sachs

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baker5 - Leo

From: AmauiJ@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:47 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: SB707

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Art Smith, President Street Bikers United Hawaii Maui Chapter.

I support SB707 and plan to (not attend the hearing)

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Art Smith – Maui Chapter President

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From: thomas schmidt [maggiegirlsuper@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:44 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707

Gentlemen,

Please pass the SB707.

I have lived in Hawaii from 1976 through 1997. I have returned to Maui last year and the folks here need the passage of the SB707.

I work with radio Pacifica Foundation which has over 400 affiliated and sister stations that is 100% listener-sponsored free speech radio with over 28 million paid subscribers. They are about to be notified that the conch shell is ablowin'.

With due respect and best wishes with your conscience, Tom Schmidt[no, I am NOT the realtor with the same name].

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Blaise J. Noto of Blaise Noto & Associates LLC

I support SB707 and plan to not to attend the hearing

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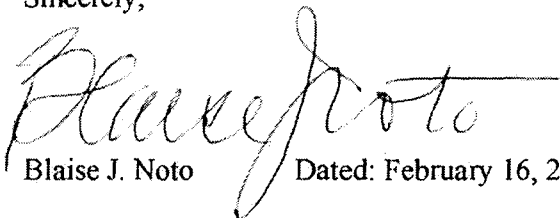
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Sincerely,



Blaise J. Noto

Dated: February 16, 2010

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From: Al Rojas [al@mauifurniture.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 9:09 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707 for Alberto Rojas Jr...
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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

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Sincerely,

Aloha and Mahalo,

~ Alberto Rojas Jr. ~

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From: Nikki Stange [nikkistange@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:02 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: In Support SB707

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Nikki Karen Stange. I am a resident of Maui County.

I fully support SB707.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:07 AM
To: CPN Testimony
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Conference room: 229
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Naylor
Organization: Individual
Address: P.O. Box 1749 Makawao, Hi 96768
Phone:
E-mail: jdancer@kula.us
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

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My name is John Naylor

I support SB707 but cannot attend the hearing.

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From: Joanne [mama1rd@jps.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:02 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Cc: 'Al Rojas'
Subject: Support SB 707
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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Joanne Laird, President, Rotary Club of Kihei Sunrise
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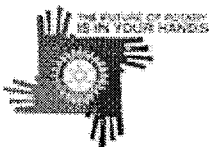
Sincerely,

Joanne Laird

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Joanne Laird
Assistant Training Director
Read Aloud America Program
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Joanne Laird
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From: Anela Malaqui [anela@mauihotjobs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 9:56 AM
To: CPN Testimony
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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Anela Sanchez and I am the CEO of Aloha International Employment, Inc.

I support SB707, but I am unfortunately unable to attend the hearing

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Cc: Elle Cochran
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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Mapu Kekahuna-Vice Chairman – Nahiku Community Association

I support SB707 and unable to attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,

Mapu Kekahuna

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Judy Starback
Organization: Individual
Address: 29 Kaheoa Place Kula, HI
Phone: 808 878 2469
E-mail: judystarback@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

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Submitted by: Kathy Mayo
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kc.bs2@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

The approval of SB707 by the legislature this year is key to Akaku's future survival and its ability to continue its mission of "Empowering Our Community's Voice through Access to the Media".

If SB707 is approved, the community-based services Akaku has been providing communities throughout Maui County would be exempted from the state procurement process.

I wish to see Akaku continue providing the services it has been providing in partnership with our community for 20 years. Please support SB707.

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From: Lea Taylor [napilea@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:30 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Public Access TV

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Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 - Relating to Cable Television

My name is Tammy Lea Taylor and I am a resident of Maui, employed fulltime and a student fulltime.

I support SB707 and am not able to attend the hearing.

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Sincerely,

Tammy Lea Taylor

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Submitted by: Eve Clute
Organization: Individual
Address: P O Box 11634 Lahaina HI 96761
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mike Moran
Organization: Individual
Address: Kihei, HI
Phone:
E-mail: mmmmahalo2000@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:
Please protect community television and pass this bill. Mahalo

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From: Patricia Hoskin [pattylou9@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 6:27 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: public television

Dear Sirs:

I am a retired resident of Maui County, Hawaii. I would like to have the Akaku Community Television continued to be run in its present form. We do not need to have community television possibly controlled by people who are not in Maui, let alone not in the State of Hawaii.

Please support SB707.

Thank You,

Pat Hoskin

2495 S. Kihei Rd. #163

Kihei, Hi. 96753

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From: Debralyn Andres [dandr414@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 4:44 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Akaku Community Television

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Debra Andres.

I support SB707 but am unable to attend the hearing because I am away on the mainland for graduate studies.

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Sincerely,

Debra Andres

1825 R St, NW

Washington, DC 20009

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Cynthia Clark, President of Chameleon Talent Agency.

I support SB707 and plan to ...**CHOSE ONE** - attend the hearing not attend the hearing

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Clark

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Amy Seidman of Incredible Places.

I support SB707 and am not able to attend the hearing. I support this bill because my organization has been working for two decades to develop media and education around Haleakala National Park and Hawai'i National Parks. Akaku is an important partner in the programs and provides a central core to engaging the community as stewards of these natural areas and heritage for the Hawaiian people. Please support them in their initiatives to provide the best public television in the country.

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Sincerely,

Amy Seidman, Incredible Places

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From: Dave Thomas [dave@maui-tv.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 1:39 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support of SB707

I am unable to attend to testify in person, but would like to offer my support for the approval of SB707.

I personally know and have worked with several of the people who run Akaku. They are excellent in their field of television and video production. In my opinion, Akaku has made significant enhancements and improvements in their broadcasts in the past couple of years and should be retained by the State to continue their good work.

They are the best option, and should be exempt from the procurement process.

Aloha,

Dave Thomas
Maui Total Visual, Inc.
303 Kaiwahine St.
Kihei, Maui, HI 96753
(808) 879-1137
(808) 280-2633 mobile
dave@maui-tv.com
<http://www.maui-tv.com>

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From: Maury King [maury@SouthMauiSustainability.org]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 3:10 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB 707


I am very in support of keeping public access TV alive in Hawaii. Why on earth wouldn't we?

Maury King

SouthMauiSustainability.org

maury@SouthMauiSustainability.org

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Wayne Young , Assoc: Producer Akaku TV

I support SB707 and plan to (not attend the hearing), will be paying attention to your vote.

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Sincerely, Wayne Young
19 Haiku Nani Pl.
Haiku,HI 96708

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From: Owen Howson [Owen@AlohaOnMaui.com]
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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Owen Howson and I am a retired film producer living in Kihei, Maui.

I support SB707. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the hearing.

I have been affiliated with several nonprofit organizations on Maui over the years that depend on Akaku Television in order to communicate their messages to the people of Maui. Akaku is the only media outlet that is controlled by the people of Maui, and we need this station to continue as it is, unfettered by political and commercial interests.

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Sincerely,

Owen Howson
P.O. Box 1493
Kihei, HI 96753
808-283-4461

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Geoffrey T. Moore, Owner of Silver Moon Art&Design

I support SB707 and can not attend the hearing

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Geoffrey T. Moore

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Geoffrey T. Moore, Owner
808.579.6402
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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lance Holter
Organization: Chairman, Maui County Democratic party
Address:
Phone: 808-579-9442
E-mail: holter@maui.net
Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

I am sending this testimony in support of SB 707. Public access television is an important part of our Neighbor Island existence. On the Neighbor Islands, Public Access TV-AKAKU is where information, the news, local culture and education is received and disseminated. I can not express to you in sufficient terms how important AKAKU is to the regular people of the Island community here.. Keep AKAKU funded, keep it healthy and keep up the support for this vital public asset.

baker5 - Leo

From: Angelika Hofmann [angelchefsmaui@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:13 PM
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Subject: In support of SB707

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Angie Hofmann from Kihei, Maui and was raised watching Akaku with my mom.

I support SB707 and won't be at the hearing so I want to send this written testimony.

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lon Briggs
Organization: A Vessel of Mercy
Address: 840 Lui Street Lahaina, HI 96761
Phone: 808-667-7593
E-mail: lightninglon101@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

I am 100% in support of SB707 so that we the people here on Maui can continue to Empower Our Communities voice through Access to the media.

baker5 - Leo

From: Donald Brown [corporatcrimeofthecentury@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:13 PM
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Cc: Timothy Rausch
Subject: backdoor censorship

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Sincerely, Donald Brown aka Federal Reserve Brown aka dowkiller

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

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PLEASE NOTE: as a community producer @ Akaku I feel that the procurement process would undermine the true meaning of public access media for which this was originally placed for the General public.

Sincerely,

William Sakugawa-Sobuza Jr.
Date: _____

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PLEASE NOTE: I served our country for 15 years of devotion to duty in Naval Service. I'm a native Hawaiian and firmly believe that freedom of speech should be free and unobstructed by the government bidding process. I served to preserve, protect, and maintain our civil liberties & democracy of the people. Not sell out our COMMUNITY VOICES to the lowest bidder.

Sincerely,
Tane Kullioakani Haili

Date: 2/16/10

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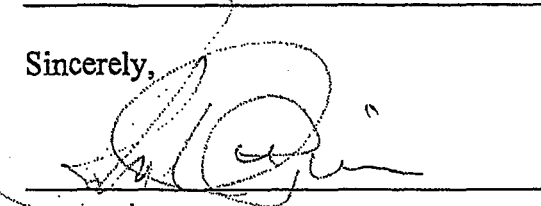
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PLEASE NOTE: PLUS THE FACT THAT THE STATE CAN'T EFFECTIVELY RUN ANYTHING WHY ON EARTH SHOULD THEY GET INVOLVED IN THIS!

Sincerely,


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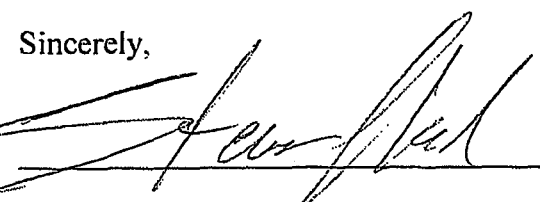
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PLEASE NOTE: FOR THE OUTER ISLANDS THE PUBLIC ACCESS STATIONS ARE OFTEN THE ONLY SOURCE FOR LOCAL NEWS

Sincerely,

Linda Dorset

Date: 2/16/10

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PLEASE NOTE: The federal government is already taking away too much privacy & freedom. Lets retain Democracy

Sincerely,



Date: 2/16/10

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Mary Anne Hill

Affiliation _____

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is Frederic Santiago

Affiliation General public

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Affiliation _____

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Affiliation

Elizabeth A. Neenan

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Affiliation St Damien Catholic Parish

I support SB707

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Affiliation St. Damien Catholic Parish

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Affiliation St. Damian Catholic Church

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is

Affiliation

Mary Igarta
Co-chair

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Affiliation COMM

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is Stephen Petis
Affiliation Molokai Resident

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Sincerely, Stephen Petis

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

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Affiliation St Damien Catholic Parish

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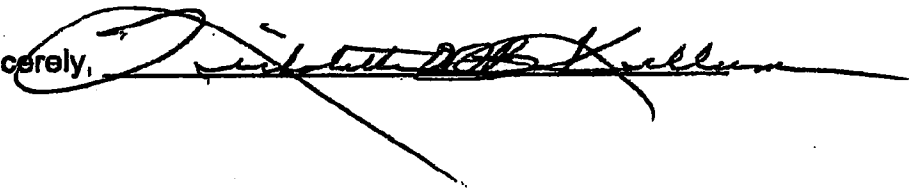
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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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Affiliation ST Damien Catholic Parish

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is

Affiliation

Judy Bitterbender
Molokai Community

I support SB707

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is

PLACISA REYES

Affiliation

COMMUNITY

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is SYLVIA PABALAN
Affiliation St. Dominick Catholic Parish

I support SB707

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 -- Relating to Cable Television

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Affiliation _____

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Eranda Santiago
Affiliation Community

I support SB707

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Shirley Yoshinaga
Affiliation Community

I support SB707

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Affiliation

Pat Tanaka
Community

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

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Affiliation St. Damien Catholic Parish

I support SB707

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is

Affiliation

Jesse Kai
H. Damien Catholic Parish

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is KEPAL K. TALPANGA
Affiliation ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC PARISH

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is Br. Charles M. Kaahanui

Affiliation St. Damien Church

I support SB707

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

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My name is Lon Hoge
Affiliation Kama Hala

I support SB707 DOE, St. Damien Catholic Church

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is _____

Affiliation _____

Linda Muzumma
Sf. Damien Catholic Parish

I support SB707

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MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

My name is

Affiliation

Marie Christine Plateros
St. Damien Catholic Parish

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

MOLOKAI TESTIMONY

Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB707 – Relating to Cable Television

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Affiliation SAINT DAMIAN CATHOLIC PARISH

I support SB707

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Affiliation Community

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My name is _____

Affiliation _____

Maria Sullivan
Molokai Community

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 Affiliation Community

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My name is Gladys Brown

Affiliation ARP

I support SB707

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Affiliation VIEWER

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NOTE: We need stations like Akaku for the freedom of expression, this station is for the people of the community, and it shouldn't be governed or censored in any way shape or form by the powers of the government. When our freedoms are constricted, we cannot be called a free society in America.

Sincerely,



DATE: 2/16/2010
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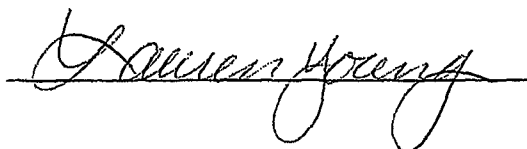
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the company's provided cable promised
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PLEASE NOTE: My comment is please stop trying to stop freedom of speech. This community would not be the same without Akaku. Many of us are making myself last on your list with due to this. I still Sincerely, support this place heart & soul!

Tia Christensen Date: 2/16/10

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Sincerely,

Julie Bunce

Date: 16, FEB. 2010

Eric Arquero

From: John Carty - Save Honolua [john@savehonolua.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 2:54 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Please support SB707

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Sincerely,

Matthew B. Robinson

Date: February 17, 2010

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Eric Arquero

From: dfirefly1@netzero.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 2:57 PM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Support SB707

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Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

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Debbie Huggett

Eric Arquero

From: Maria Cassandra Gardner [love@lightweavingjoy.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 10:28 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: Please support approval-SB707 Bill

Aloha all:

PLEASE.... Support the approval of SB707 by the legislature this year is key to Akakū's future survival and its ability to continue its mission of "*Empowering Our Community's Voice through Access to the Media*".

Thank you for your support in this important matter!

Sincerely,
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Sincerely, _____ Helen Kekalia _____

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IN RE: SB 707

To the Honorable Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding SB 707. I wish to advise my opposition to the current bill.

I am basing this based on the United States Constitution, and the first Amendment and the freedom of the press. It is not the governments place to impose their particular values or agenda based on the current executive branch. As the wording of the bill states the committee would be chosen by the Governor; thus imposing government, or at least a perceived, censorship based on the current administration.

The ultimate solution to censorship of radio and television stations is not to prohibit government from censoring their conduct through fines and revocations or nonrenewal of broadcast licenses. The solution is to vest a full, irrevocable, and transferable property right in their broadcast frequencies, removing the power of government to regulate radio and television stations entirely, enabling radio and television stations to treat their ownership rights in the same way that newspaper owners treat their ownership rights. In that way, radio and television stations would be free to conduct their business in the same way that newspapers do — and consumers would be free to decide what to listen to or watch, just as they are free to decide which newspapers to read.

Please do not allow this bill to go further and let the free market dictate policy, not government intrusion.

Thank you and sincerely,

Andrey N. Krez
Honolulu, Hawaii

baker5 - Leo

From: tiffandtash [tiffandtash@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:29 AM
To: CPN Testimony
Subject: [Fwd: Akaku Needs your Support]

AGAINST SB707

HOW CORRUPT DO YOU INTEND TO GET BEFORE THE PEOPLE REVOLT BACK AT YOU?

IT IS TIME TO START SERVING THE PEOPLE.

PUT AN END TO YOUR CORRUPTIVE WAYS.

WE WILL PREVAIL.

We have a right to trust, and you have stolen it from us.