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February 22, 2011

LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 238, H.D. 1, Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders

I am Jeffrey Richards, Captain of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD strongly supports the passage of House Bill No. 238, H.D. 1. This bill would add a mandatory prison term and fine for persons with certain prior convictions who are found guilty for the first time of violating a temporary restraining order. The HPD supports the intent to strengthen the penalties for violating temporary restraining orders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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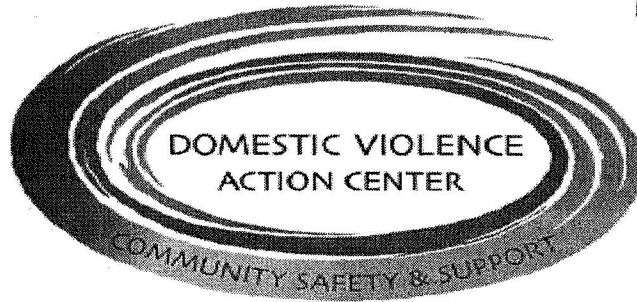
JEFFREY D. RICHARDS, Captain
Records and Identification Division

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LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police

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FROM: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.
Domestic Violence Action Center

TO: Rep. John M. Mizuno, Committee Chair
Rep: Jo Jordan, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Ref: **HB 238, HD 1 Support**
Hearing: Thursday, February 22, 2011, 2:00pm, Conf. Rm #325

Aloha and good morning.

In developing our community's response to domestic violence there has been a commitment to shaping a system which provides best efforts at securing safety for victims and accountability for abusers.

HB238 strengthens efforts to hold those abusers accountable who have shown disregard for court orders already issued. We consider those abusers most potentially lethal.

One of the important aspects of obtaining a restraining order is the opportunity to deliver a strong message to abusers about the community's zero tolerance for abuse. When an abuser violates the conditions of a court order repeatedly, it is essential that the criminal justice system reinforces the message and increases the penalty for the violations.

Serious crimes deserve serious consequences.

Thank you very much for your favorable consideration of HB 238.

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Testimony for HB238 on 2/22/2011 2:00:00 PM

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Comments:

This is good legislation. This may well save lives by providing a cooling off period. As it applies to those with certian convictions it mitigates an abuse of process.

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