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February 24, 2011

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: S.B. 169, S.D. 1 Relating to Cargo Inspections

I am Kenneth G. Silva, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support the intent of S.B. 169, S.D. 1 and offer the following comments:

1. We support the statewide ban of consumer fireworks, except for special events and professional public fireworks displays.
2. We believe each county should continue to determine potential fireworks hazards and benefits to their community and impose stricter fireworks laws than the state based on each county's needs and resources.
3. We support measures that make for easier arrest and prosecution of the illegal purchase, possession, setting off, igniting, or discharging of fireworks and increase penalties and consequences for convictions of fireworks violations.
4. We support measures that clarify the current Fireworks Control Law (Chapter 132D, Hawaii Revised Statutes) and promote the effective enforcement and administration of fireworks permits and licenses for regulatory agencies.

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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of S.B. 169,  
S.D. 1.

Should you have any questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at  
723-7151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth G. Silva".

KENNETH G. SILVA  
Chair

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