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Dear Representatives,

My daughter Vanessa who has just graduated from the U of H at Hilo with a degree in Business and a minor in Economics and is a seventh generation farmer and Agri - Business woman wants to know one thing. Which Representatives are in favor of SB 2272 ?

Vanessa has packed papaya for our company since she was 10 years old. She is now taking over our family Vapor Heat Treatment Facility that our family has built with our own sweat and tears and all of our own personal money.

I can not understand why the State of Hawaii would use taxpayer dollars to compete with our family business. My wife and daughter are just back from a trip to Japan looking for buyers for our Rainbow papaya. People like it but no importers wanted to handle our papaya for fear of rejection by the public at their stores even though the public liked the papaya. Many years and much patience will be needed to bring this market to its full potential.

Our competition would now be two companies with headquarters in Japan, another International company based in California and now the State of Hawaii. Our family VHT facility located on the Big Island is the only Hawaii company owned and operated right here in Hawaii. We can ship papaya into any country in the World.

We think it is unfair to crush my daughters "Field of Dreams".

If you as a parent have ever had a daughter survive Cancer thaving treatments of chemotherapy and radiation and watch her long beautiful brown hair fall out by the handfulls onto her pillow then you can understand how low our family was. We had no medical coverage as our business was being built. My son has muscular and neuro atrophy and my wife had cancer and I have epilepsy.

So I ask you Representatives when you vote on this SB 2272 dont use Government money to compete with my family and crush our business and Vanessa's future employment and dream to run her own business vote with her in mind and then email her as to your vote.

Thank You ,

peter houle