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February 11, 2014

The Honorable Henry Aquino, Chair
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The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
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Dear Chairs Aquino and Yamane:

Subject: H.B. 1666 Relating to Fireworks

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support H.B. 1666, which proposes to clarify the current statute and labeling size of display fireworks, define redistribution, and delineate shippers' responsibilities.

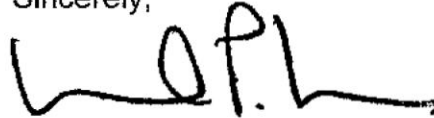
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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of H.B. 1666.

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Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

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MANUEL P. NEVES
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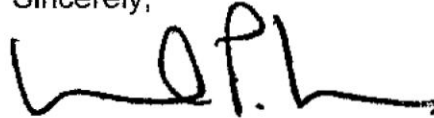
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