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State Capitol, Room 325

H.B. 1706, H.D. 1
RELATING TO ILLEGAL PARKING UPON BIKEWAYS

House Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 1706, H.D. 1, to increase the minimum fine from \$35 to \$200.

This bill serves as a deterrent to motorists who knowingly park their vehicles on bikeways. It will also provide a safer bicycling environment by helping to keep bike lanes and paths clear of unnecessary vehicular obstructions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 5, 2014

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members of the Judiciary Committee
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 302
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill No. 1706, HD1 Relating to Illegal Parking on Bikeways

I am Michael D. Formby, Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

The Department of Transportation Services strongly supports House Bill 1706, HD1. The purpose of this measure is to encourage increased compliance with the provisions of HRS 291C-123(a) relating to illegal driving and parking on bikeways, by increasing the minimum fine to \$200.

The current minimum fine of \$35 has proven insufficient to deter motorists from blocking bicycle lanes and bicycle paths. As the City and County of Honolulu continues to implement the Oahu Bike Plan and expand the number of bike paths and lanes, there will be greater use of bicycling as a viable and regular mode of travel. Obstruction of bicycle lanes and paths by motorists is a safety hazard and a danger to bicyclists and all neighborhood residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1706, HD1.

Very truly yours,


Michael D. Formby
Director

HB1706

Submitted on: 2/6/2014

Testimony for JUD on Feb 7, 2014 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
IRA CALKINS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I sincerely hope the Democratic Party fevers passing this bill. the chairman's in all committee meetings it appears they have a script to follow that the Speaker of the House, and the Speaker of the Senate have given the Committee Chair Persons to follow, to instruct the committee how to vote on a any bill in all committees of the State of Hawaii Legislature. When is is determined ahead of time how a committee will vote on any bill in the State of Hawaii Legislature there is no democracy in this state, no will of the people. Are the Legislators being black mailed in to voting the Democratic party line?

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From: Lisa Marten <lisamarten@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:43 PM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: Support for HB1706
Attachments: IMG_0222.JPG

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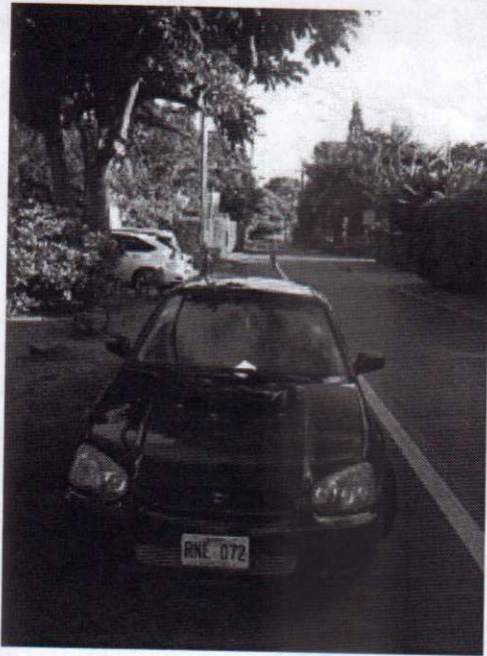
Aloha Representative Lee,

Thank you for sharing my testimony in strong support of HB1706 with the Judiciary committee. I live in front of a bike lane in Kailua. We currently have a terrible safety problem because people park in the bike lane. This forces bikers, pedestrians, people pushing strollers, and skateboarders into the street to get around the parked vehicle. For oncoming traffic, they appear in the street without warning as the illegally parked vehicle may have blocked them from view.

The current \$35 fine is not a deterrent in my neighborhood. People knowingly take the risk because they are willing to pay \$35 for premium beach parking. When I have told people they will get a ticket if they park there, they have actually asked, "For how much?" Also, it does not remove the car causing the safety problem - they can stay all day with the one ticket. DTS put signs up saying "up to \$500 fine," but the word quickly spread that police did not actually ticket for that amount. Attached is a photo of cars parked in the bike path, right in front of the sign on the post that says "No parking in Bike Lane."

Thank you for your support.

Lisa Marten
Kailua resident



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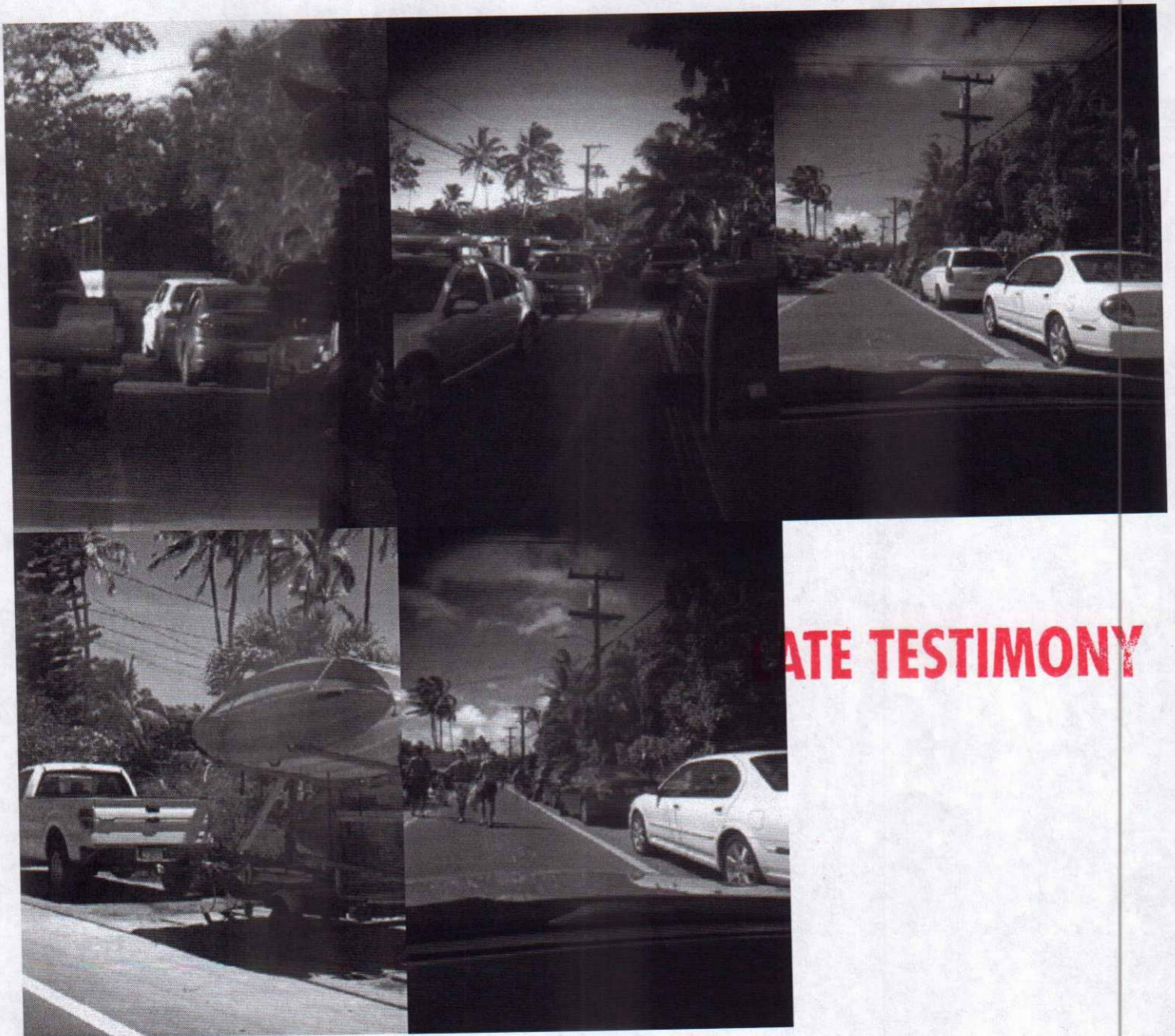
From: Cynthia Rubinstein <cynthia@lava.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 2:32 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: HB 1706 Bike Lane Fees

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Good Morning Representative Lee,

People can't use the bike lane when it's full of cars, which makes for a very dangerous situation. Here in Lanikai it is a daily occurrence, worse on nice weekends as people actually use the bike lane as a parking strip, which forces walker, runners and our keiki to end up in the road. Pictures speak a thousand words, so here are a few ...

Aloha, Cynthia
Cynthia Rubinstein
cynthia@lava.net



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Jennifer Wilbur

From: Dana Ratay <dlatay@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 8:02 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: Fwd: Testimony in favor of increasing the minimum fine to \$200 for parking in a bike lane
Attachments: 2014-01-20_13-52-17_157.jpg; 2014-01-20_13-50-57_590.jpg; 2014-01-20_13-38-10_692
Ambulance stuck in traffic due to cars illegally parked in the bike lane.jpg

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From: Dana Ratay <dlatay@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2014 at 8:00 AM
Subject: Testimony in favor of increasing the minimum fine to \$200 for parking in a bike lane
To: repclee@capitol.gov

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Representative Chris Lee
Hawaii State Capitol Room 436
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Lee,

I am writing you to support the bill favoring increasing the minimum fine to \$200 for parking in a bike lane. Only a serious fine can change the behavior of those who are breaking the law and endangering the lives of others.

This is a matter of safety.

Every day, all day, we witness bikers, elderly pedestrians, mothers with baby strollers, and joggers almost killed by having to divert into oncoming traffic because of cars that are illegally parked in bike lanes. We watch children walking in the roadway because they are avoiding cars. This danger happens to me every time I walk the dog.

Illegally parked cars block emergency vehicles who urgently need the clearance.

I have dozens of pictures of illegally parked cars in the bike lane forcing pedestrians into the roadway, and ambulances and fire trucks unable to pass to save lives and structures.

I have attached a few pictures illustrating this problem.* These are from January 20, 2014. Traffic was incidentally backed up in Lanikai for over an hour, and an ambulance, fire truck and police units were stuck in the traffic as well, preventing them from their duties. If the bike lane was clear, there would be space for them to get through.

Thank you so much for all the good that you and your staff are doing.

Aloha,

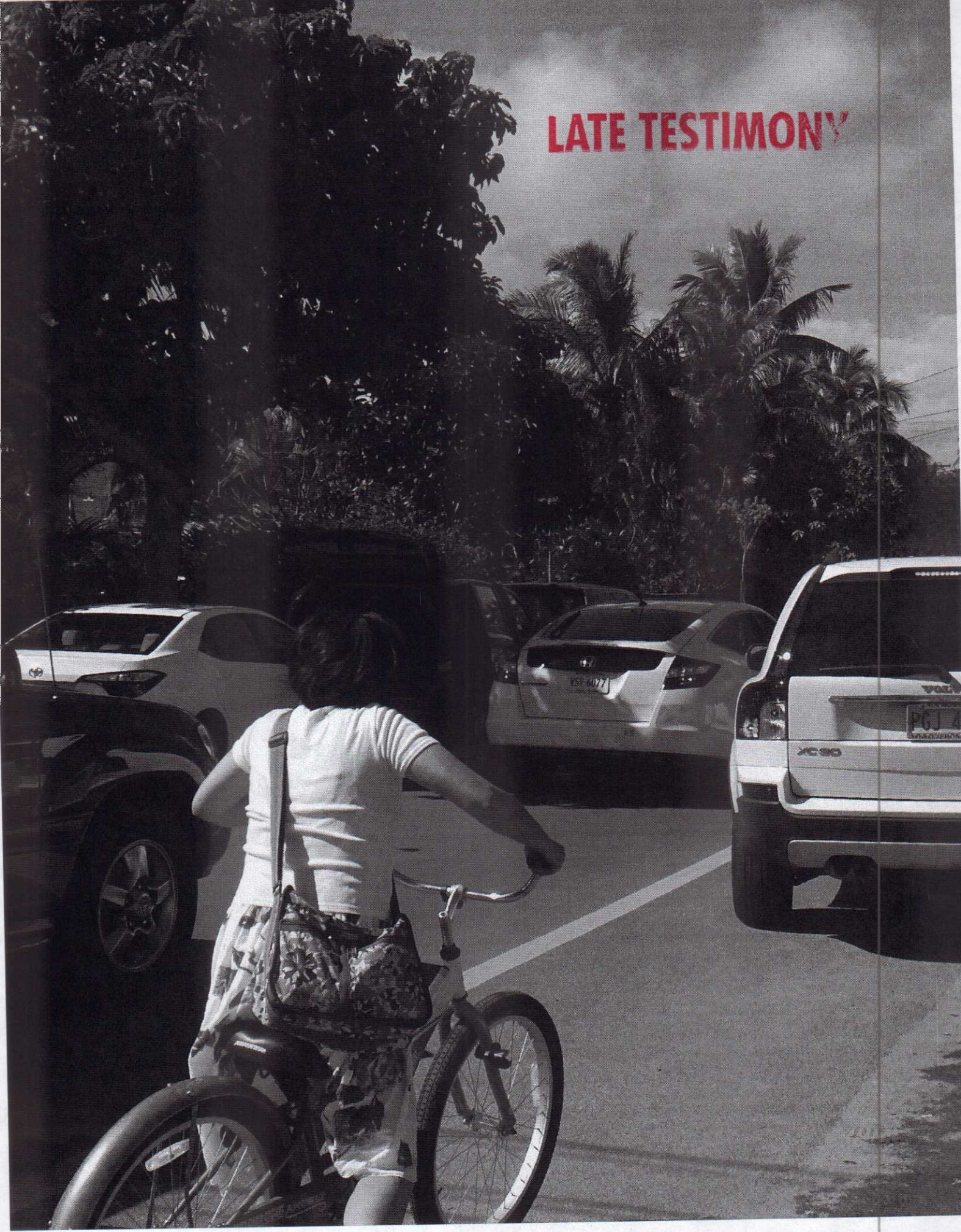
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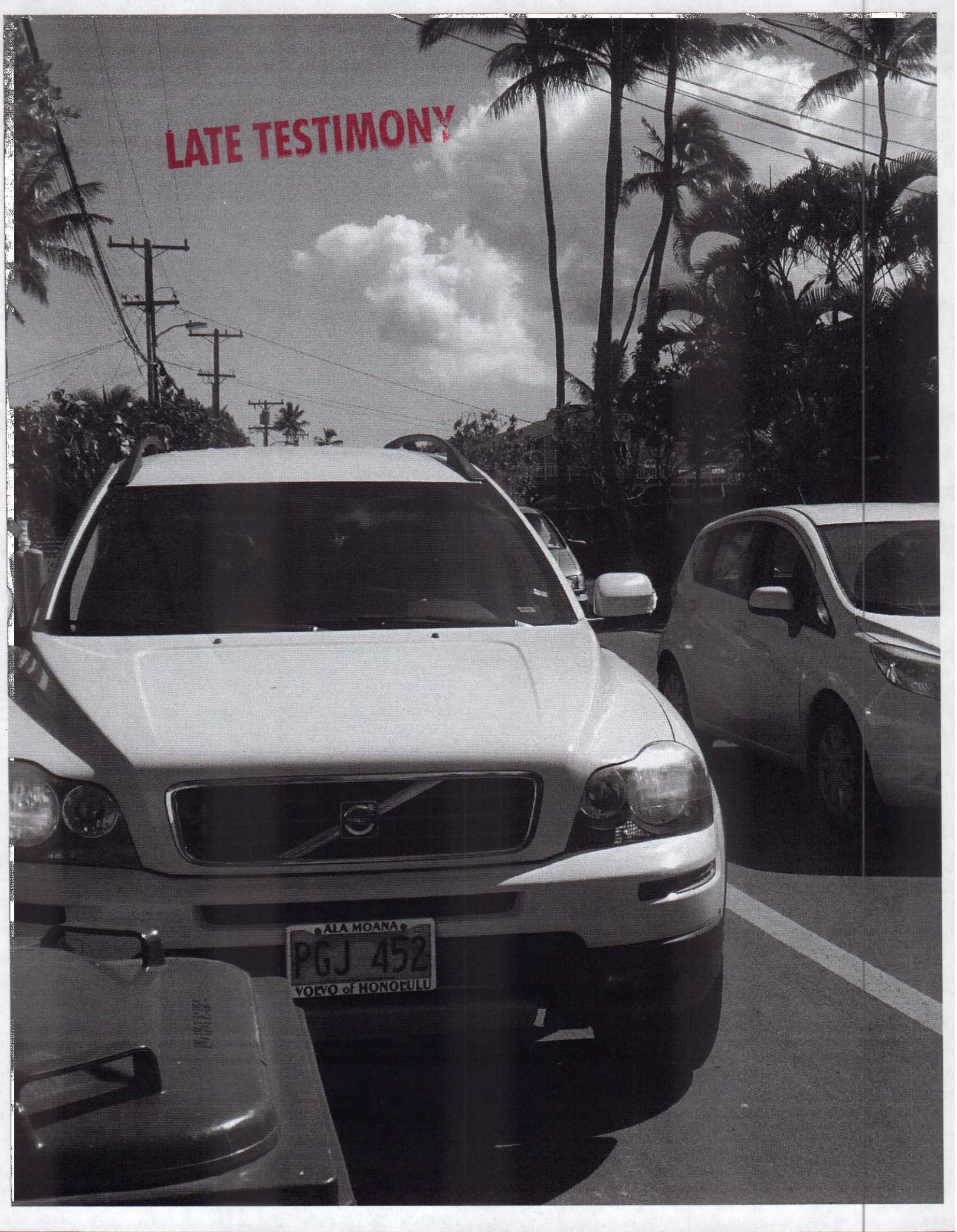
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- *Bicyclist just starting to be forced into oncoming traffic due to car illegally parked in the bike lane
- *Front of car illegally parked in bike lane.
- *Ambulance stuck in traffic due to cars blocking the bike lane.

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From: John Medlock <johnmiii@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:56 PM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: H.B.1706, Minimum Fine for Parking in a Bicycle Lane

I just left the Kailua Neighborhood Board meeting at which you mentioned the subject bill.

I would like to voice my support for raising the minimum fine. The current fine is ridiculously low by any measure because of general inflation if nothing else, and is certainly no deterrent.

During one of my almost daily bike rides around Lanikai I happened upon a tourist who had just retrieved the ticket he had received for parking in the bicycle lane. I was just in time to overhear him remark that the \$35 was worth it! He was probably from San Francisco or Manhattan, where \$35 will buy only a couple of hours parking and here he got to park all day next to one of the world's premier beaches! And for only \$35!

My congratulations and gratitude to you for attempting to correct this situation.

Sincerely,
John Medlock
411 Kaelepulu Dr., Apt. F
(Bluestone)
Kailua

Jennifer Wilbur

From: Lois <lbc628@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 7:55 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: support for raising fines in bike lane to 200 from 35

YES! I support raising the bike lane fines to \$200.
Lois Crozer
Lanikai

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Jennifer Wilbur

From: Jan Montgomery <janhawaii@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 10:39 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: Bike lane in Lanikai

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Please raise the parking fine to 200 in Lanikai bike lane.

Jan Montgomery
140 Kaelepulu Drive
Kailua
Hawaii

Jennifer Wilbur

From: charlene avallone <avallone@lava.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: HB1706

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> Dear Rep. Chris Lee,
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> I support HB1706 to raise the bike lane fines to \$200.

It would also be good to have the no-parking-in-the-bike-lane enforced.

>
> Thank you for your continuing support.

Charlene Avallone, homeowner
1001 Koohoo Place
Kailua

Jennifer Wilbur

From: Ron Seiple <ronseiple@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 7:19 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB1706 Increase Bike Lane Fine

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Chris,
Parking on Bike Lanes and especially in Lanikai has become very critical. Since the fine currently stands at \$35 people will park there all day because it is worth the fine to have a nice parking place to go to the Lanikai Beach. Something needs to be done as this is a major safety situation. It forces pedestrians to walk out in the street and it is only a matter of time that we have a major accident as a result.

Mahalo for your support of this Bill.

Ron

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From: chip hughes <chip@lava.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 8:33 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB1706

Dear Rep. Chris Lee,

I support HB1706 to raise the bike lane fines to \$200.

Mahalo,

Chip

Robert S. Hughes, Jr.
1001Koohoo Place
Kailua (Lanikai)

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Jennifer Wilbur

From: Neil <nfauklet@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 8:59 PM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: Strong support for higher minimum fines for parking in bike lanes

Mahalo, Chris, for introducing this bill. We badly need higher minimum fines to deter motorists from parking in bike lanes.

Sincerely,
Neil Frazer
112 Haokea Drive
Kailua, HI 96734

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Jennifer Wilbur

From: Andrea Jepson <jepsona001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 8:20 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: I support HB 1706 to raise bike lane fees to \$200

Aloha Chris
Mahalo for your support.
Andrea Jepson 1111 Koohoo Place Kailua, 96734

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Jennifer Wilbur

From: Roberta Conlan <rconlan@edigraphics.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: HB 1706

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I strongly support raising the penalty for parking in bicycle lanes to \$200.

Roberta Conlan
1142 Koohoo Place
Kailua 96734

Jennifer Wilbur

From: Jon Myers <jon@graphenetechnologies.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 11:01 AM
To: Rep. Chris Lee
Subject: I support HB1706 to raise bike lane fines

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