



To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Monday, April 1, 2013
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Les Drent
for Kauai Cigar Company

Re: SB492 SD2, HD1 Relating to Tobacco Products

The Kauai Cigar Company respectfully asks the members of the House Committee on Finance the following question: why should our local farm be obligated to pay a tax that is three to four times more than the rate imposed on other cigars, especially when our cigars are made with Hawaii- grown tobacco?

We kindly ask legislators to confront this prejudice by amending SB492, SD2, HD1.

Sincerely,

Les Drent
President

Tai Erum
Operations Manager

Jason Strand
Farm Manager

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Assistant Farm Manager

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