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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: SB 92

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help strongly supports SB 92.

We strongly believe that the Housing First Program is the anchor in any concerted effort to address Hawai'i's most vulnerable populations. The homeless, be they families out of work, the mentally ill, victims of substances abuse, or sadly some combination of any or all three conditions.

One cannot begin recovery on the street. Be that recovery from a lost job, an addiction, or a life of suffering from mental illness. For anyone to regain the footing necessary to rejoin the general public in a normal life one has to have the stability provided by a home.

One needs a bed to get the rest needed for a job interview. One needs a phone so that a prospective employer can call back. One needs laundry facilities to be presentable for that new job. None of this is possible without a home base to start from.

SB 92 provides the opportunity for that base of support. We only wish that the funding was there to provide our most vulnerable population a broader base of support but we recognize SB 92 as an absolutely necessary first step and applaud the committee for taking it.

Mahalo,

Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President

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