

**HB 1359, HD2**

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT &  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

MARCH 17, 2017  
1:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

HOUSE BILL NO. 1359 HD2  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Chairpersons Gabbard and Nishihara and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1359 HD2. This bill seeks to amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes as pertains to the Counties' ability to address the management of invasive species. The Department offers comments on this measure.

As presented, we are unsure of the intent of the bill. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture Plant Quarantine Branch and the Plant Pest Control Branch, as well as the Island Invasive Species Committees (ISC), have addressed the interdiction of invasive species. The ISCs are coordinated through the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) in the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Additional alien and invasive pest species activities are organized by the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, further managing efforts that may be housed in other agencies such as Customs and Border Protection, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Hawaii Department of Health, among others.

With the completion of the *Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan*, invasive species management and control will hopefully be organized via an agency known as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority administratively attached to the Department. The Hawaii



Invasive Species Authority will be responsible for coordinating all invasive species management/eradication/containment initiatives. If the proposed authority is granted to the Counties, it may or may not impede the ability of the new Hawaii Invasive Species Authority to discharge its duty and mission.

The counties ability to pursue this measure may hinder the ability of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority to carry out its mission. The Department asks for the opportunity to pursue the efforts of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and develop the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and comment on this measure.

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1:30 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1359, HOUSE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

House Bill 1359, House Draft 2 proposes to authorize each county to enact and enforce ordinances relating to invasive species. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

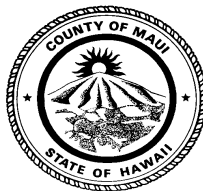
While a coordinated, statewide approach to invasive species is critical to our overall success in mitigating invasive species impacts, the Department recognizes that invasive species impacts and priorities vary across counties. Allowing the counties to adopt ordinances within the framework of state law regarding invasive species could allow the counties to utilize additional avenues for invasive species mitigation that may not otherwise be clarified under state law.

The Department notes, however, that ordinances adopted by the counties should not contradict or supersede state law. While House Draft 2 does stipulate that "invasive species" would be defined by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, the potential remains for individual county ordinances on how those species are regulated to generate conflicts or confusion with state regulations.

The Department notes that the intent of this measure may be better addressed by House Bill 606 House Draft 2, which would add the counties to the list of entities that may enter private property for the control or eradication of invasive species as described in Section 194-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure would maintain, at the state level, a clear policy framework for invasive species issues while increasing the ability of the counties to respond to invasive species threats.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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March 15, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA  
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COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, March 17, 2017  
1:30 p.m. – Conference Room 224

HB1359 HD2 RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB1359 HD2.

This bill will provide the counties a clear tool that is not currently available to us – the authority to enter private property, with the proper court authorization, in order to eradicate invasive species that could be harmful to public health and safety.

Maui County is currently fighting to stave off an infestation of many invasive species. Some of which include: Little Fire Ants (LFA), Coqui Frogs and Coffee Bean Borer beetle (CBB).

LFA has proven to be a threat to public health and safety. The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) and the Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) has had several property owners or lessees block access to their properties when they tried to address LFA eradication. The state department of Agriculture was able to obtain a court order, eventually, that allowed MISC and HAL to do their assigned duties. However, this is only one instance of many that are currently being faced by these agencies. There are people in Haiku and Nahiku still blocking access to their property to fight LFA and coqui frogs. We are currently getting CBB infestations in the Hana area and already getting resistance from one property owner. The DOA does not have the manpower or resources to get court orders to help these agencies work on the eradication of these pests on a timely basis.

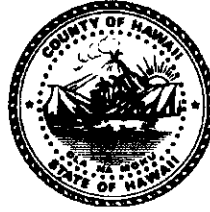
I firmly believe that the counties can be effective where the DOA is not able to be due to their restrictions.

Therefore, I strongly urge the passage of HB606 HD2 as a priority over this bill but also support this bill.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa  
Mayor, County of Maui

Harry Kim  
Mayor



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Senator Clarence K Nishihara, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs and

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairs Nishihara, Gabbard and members:

**RE: HB 1359 HD 2  
Relating to Invasive Species**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1359, HD2.

The Council of Mayors has identified invasive species as a top-priority issue that deserves our attention. Even our best efforts are often inadequate to protect our islands from harmful pests, and limited resources make it imperative that we work together in pursuing solutions to what often seem intractable problems.

HB 1359 would make the counties a more valuable partner in the fight against invasives. As the Mayor of Maui said in a prior hearing, it will give us a valuable tool to supplement the ongoing efforts of State agencies and private organizations.

We ask that HB 1359 be approved, with a suitable effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim  
Mayor

**From:** [Carolyn Dillon](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Gabbard](#)  
**Subject:** HB 1359 HD2  
**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:37:12 PM

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of HB1359 HD2 - Relating to Invasive Species.

Last week at the HISAW awards ceremony, Governor Ige stated in his proclamation to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council that invasive species are “one of the greatest threats to Hawaii’s agriculture, environment, economy and way of life. He emphasized too that his Sustainable Hawaii Initiative includes the necessity to “be aware and combat the introduction of invasive species.” HB1359 will be invaluable to preserving our beautiful state through the imperative of managing invasive species.

Little Fire Ant HUI is in favor of this measure and strongly urges passage of this bill.



**Carolyn Dillon** - Founder & Chair  
Hawaii Unites against Invasives  
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*Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
And Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Hearing: Friday, March 17, 2017 1:30 pm  
Room 224

Support for HB 1359 HD 2 Relating to Invasive Species

Chair Nishihara, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committees,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 1359 HD 2, which allows each county to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species identified by the Hawai'i invasive species council on any public or private premises within the limits of the county.

Destructive invasive species and dangerous pest harm humans, wildlife, the environment, and economy. We need the counties to be able to do what they can to keep us safe and protect the environment.

Please also support increased funding to keep invasive species out of Hawai'i and controlling invasive species that are established on the islands. Experts recommend a minimum investment of \$50 million a year to, essentially, implement the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan. The plan includes the most important actions we can take to prevent invasive species from entering the islands and prevent the spread of invasive species already here.

Please pass HB 1359 HD 2 and ask for more money. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

*Marjorie Ziegler*

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Brown tree snake, toddler bitten by little fire ant, big-headed ants attacking sooty tern chick

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March 17, 2017

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1359, HD2  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Room 224  
1:30 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Riviere and Wakai, and Members of the Committees:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**Hawaii Farm Bureau opposes HB 1359, HD2**, which allows County ordinances relating to invasive species.

HFB strongly supports a robust biosecurity program to manage invasive species in our environment. We strongly believe that an effective program is accomplished through cooperative efforts, Federal, State, County and private entities, each contributing their resources based on expertise and capacity.

Invasive species management is largely under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Federal expertise is used to identify new control measures while Invasive Species Councils at different counties and private entities participate with HDOA PQ in eradication and control measures. State entomologists and PQ officials work to enforce and implement quarantine requirements as well as identification and rapid response for control of new infestations. Most recently we saw this in action at Hana, Maui, where HDOA PQ personnel worked to eradicate an initial CBB population and are working to assess further infestations.

As written, the measure would authorize:

“Ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species on any public or private premises within the limits of the county.”

Identification and development of control measures require technical expertise that come with significant cost. Collaborative efforts with existing state expertise would be a better use of resources. Counties can help by coordinating volunteer workforce crews in their various districts that could be trained to be emergency ready for action when a new invasive species outbreak is identified. The local crew could include personnel from companies in the region who are already trained with pest management as well as others interested in assisting with invasive species control. People will be familiar with their own districts so can contribute insight on possible host locations, increasing the effectiveness of HDOA and ISCs.

Recently there was an individual who opposed entry by HDOA officials to control the LFA. However, HDOA stated during a Board meeting that they had the authority to obtain warrants as well as request the issuance of quarantine orders to the property. Procedures to facilitate the timely implementation of the warrant and quarantine orders may be justified.

Counties are already struggling to meet the increasing needs within their jurisdiction such as homelessness, traffic and infrastructure development. Their annual plea for greater share of TAT funds demonstrates the challenges associated with funding measures already within their jurisdiction.

HFB respectfully requests your opposition of this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this important subject.

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**HB1359**

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March 17, 2017

**The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair**

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

**The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair**

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

State Capitol, Room 224

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: H.B. 1359, H.D.2, Relating to Invasive Species**

**HEARING: Friday, March 17, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.**

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees.

I am Myoung Oh, Director of Government Affairs, here to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its 9,000 members. HAR **supports** H.B. 1359, H.D.2 which allows each county to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species on any public or private premises within the limits of the county.

REALTORS® are vitally concerned about issues that affect the value of real property and the quality of life in our State. The introduction and infestation of detrimental invasive species is a growing concern that is increasingly impacting the very way of life for our friends and families in our communities. HAR would support efforts to empower the Counties to join the effort to eliminate this threat.


According to the recently released Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan (2017-2027), Hawaii's ever increasing interconnectedness with the rest of the world has led to an onslaught of exotic species from around the world arriving in our harbors and airports and ultimately becoming established here.


The plan suggests that 10 percent of those invading species will prove to be harmful to our economy, our environment, and our very way of life. Seriously dangerous species like the Little Fire Ant (LFA) have established themselves in various locations in the State, and particularly on Hawai'i Island. From there, the State has continued to allow the shipment of material infested with LFA to other islands, spreading this potential environment disaster farther.





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The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) is estimating that Maui will experience the same level of LFA and coqui frog infestation that is now prevalent in the Hilo and Puna Districts of the Big Island in the next 10 years if governmental agencies do not take a more proactive stance. The Biosecurity plan essentially says the same thing.

A key part of the eradication effort is the need to address infestations wherever they occur. One major problem is that certain recalcitrant property owners refuse to manage the invasive species on their property and refuse access to State agents to do the work for them. The species then spread to surrounding properties making eradication impossible.

Currently, to enter such properties requires the active involvement of the State Attorney General's office, which does not have a full-time presence on the Neighbor Islands. If the Counties participate in this effort, then the Counties' attorneys can obtain the necessary warrants to enter private property.

HAR feels the current plan for managing detrimental invasive species is not working. Laws that must be amended to correct this situation and give our local communities a better chance at addressing this problem, including Chapter 46, which gives the Counties their powers, and Chapter 194 which makes the State Department of Agriculture the agency responsible for this function.

**While there are two primary vehicles, H.B. 606, H.D.2 and H.B. 1359, H.D.2, HAR prefers H.B. 606, H.D.2 as it does not require additional county legislative action.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**IN OPPOSITION OF HB 1359, HD2  
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
ENVIRONMENT

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Chairs Nishihara and Gabbard and members of the committees:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA **opposes HB 1359, HD 2**, which allows each county to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species identified by the Hawaii invasive species council on any public or private premises within the limits of the county.

HCIA firmly believes in a comprehensive and robust biosecurity program. However, this program should remain under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, where a statewide approach can be implemented. Allowing patchwork regulations between counties increases the risk of damage from invasive species due to uneven regulatory standards.

We humbly request your opposition of this measure.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha  
Executive Director

**Testimony before the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs, and Committee on Agriculture and Environment**

**by  
The Hawaiian Electric Companies**

**Friday, March 17, 2017  
1:30 p.m., Conference Room 224**

**House Bill 1359 HD2 –Relating to Invasive Species**

Chairs Nishihara and Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaiian Electric Companies are submitting this written testimony in support of HB 1359 HD2.

HB 1359 HD2 allows each county to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species on any public or private premises within the limits of the county. The Hawaiian Electric Companies support the bill for the following reasons:

- Albizia trees are a hazard to public safety and critical infrastructure.
- Stands of brittle, invasive Albizia trees up to 250 feet tall grow on many public and private properties. Tropical Storm Iselle brought down many Albizia trees, blocked roadways, and caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and important electric utility lines. Broken tree trunks continue to send out new growth creating even more unstable conditions, while seedlings are rapidly germinating in disturbed areas.
- There are many landowners that either refuse or fail to respond to repeated notices to control or eradicate invasive species on their property.
- The ability for the Counties to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species, is essential to mitigating issues caused by invasive species like the Albizia tree, and ensures that Hawai'i's public safety and critical infrastructure needs are met.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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Regarding HB 1359, HD2: Relating to Invasive Species

Please oppose HB 1359, HD2. Allowing the counties to set their own regulations increases the risk of damage from invasive species as each will have differing standards. Instead, the invasive species control program should remain under the purview of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources for consistent implementation across the state.

Marc Beaulieu

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Mark Takemoto

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Bennette Misalucha

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Yarrow Flower

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Jessie Radovich

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**From:** [Melissa Waters-Mooney](#)  
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**From:** [Gerardo Rojas](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [Jordyn Robinson](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [silvia barber](#)  
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Kyle Barber

**From:** [Mark Stoutemyer](#)  
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**From:** [Amy Martens](#)  
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**From:** [Blake Rabe](#)  
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David Makaiwi



**From:** [Randy Mochizuki](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [Deeshane Sablan](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [Andrew Arce](#)  
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**From:** [Danette Llanos](#)  
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**From:** [Jim Jacobs](#)  
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**From:** [Joni Kamiya](#)  
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Nancy Kanna

**From:** [Tina Tamanaha](#)  
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**From:** [Jon-Paul Kaloi](#)  
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**From:** [Kai Pelayo](#)  
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TO: The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 17, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1359,  
HD 2, RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to allow each county to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species on any public or private premises within the limits of the county.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Environmental protection through the eradication of invasive species is a statewide and intergovernmental effort. The County of Maui understands this partnership and works closely with agencies such as the Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) in the fight against invasive threats to our endangered species, native plants, fragile ecosystems and overall quality of life.
2. I support the amendment specifying that the invasive species to be eradicated shall be identified by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, which is a current partner of MISC. MISC's ability to implement its programs are hampered by their inability to access private property where invasive species are reported.
3. Providing local authority access to private property, following necessary notice requirements, will help avoid costly and burdensome options, such as utilizing the court system to secure warrants to gain property access. This tool is critical for counties to be true partners in the fight against invasive species and fulfilling the broader goal of preserving the environment for future generations

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

**From:** [Raymond Foster](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
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**From:** [Robin Robinson](#)  
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