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Aloha

My name is Frank Commendador I am the President of the Fern Acres Community Association in Mountain View on Hawaii island and long time resident.

I am in favor of seeing HB 2033 adopted.

We and many of our Puna subdivisions are in dire need of assistance in making positive contact with off island absent real property owners in case of emergency, such as fallen trees, potential fire safety and health hazards, and homeless individuals trespassing and squatting on vacant property and unoccupied homes.

Many homeless individuals, friends and families are squatting and causing many issues in our subdivisions.

From living in unsanitary conditions because of lack of plumbing, building unpermitted make shift structures and unsightly tents, living in derelict vehicles, and a big spike in noise and domestic violence.

We strongly feel the real property owners must take full responsibility of their unoccupied homes and vacant property. It must start with confirmed positive and documented contact.

Chanel Lato - Support

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you in hope of opening your eyes to see my family's reality we live in daily. Squatters have taken over our paradise & leaves our community living in fear. I am a mother of 3 born and raised in Hawaii, I have lived across a squatter for over 2 years now. It has been nothing but a headache for myself & our neighbors, as he has become very violent, confrontational, has burn bushes surrounding our homes, has damaged the property, has violent out burst, harasses & threatens neighbors & has recently made sexual gestures. Making it an unsafe environment for our keiki.

The police have been called out numerous times & we are consistently told there isn't much they can do to get them out. The most recent incident a police office did state he noticed something was wrong with the (squatter) & asked if we knew his mental state or if he uses drug or is on prescription medication, Which we are unaware of. I was told not to hesitate to call police & was advised to get a harassment in Junction but due to the fear of aggravating (squatter more) I did not do so.

I live in fear daily unsure of his state of mind, to the point where I no longer allow my child to play in our front yard. We lock our home up while inside, as if we are living in a jail not Paradise.

My children & other children in our community are being ripped of their freedom, We shouldn't live in fear because of a trespasser.

I have gone as far as contacting our association, the attorney generals office, the home owners & have spent countless hours calling banks in hopes of getting ahold of the bank responsible for this property, all leading me to a dead end.

I have recently opened a action line case regarding my living situation due to squatters & will be taking this matter to the media.

Our government should be using this foreclosed/abandon homes for family's in need the proper way, with family's applying for these homes as a temporary housing. Making those who move In accountable, having rules in place such as a renter would have. Homeless are being kicked off of the sidewalk daily because they are a sight of sore eyes, who most of the time aren't even bothering anyone. Well we have squatters moving in our community, damages homes, bringing our property values down & most of them use these homes as drug houses.

I turn to you to bring this to light, to pass this bill to help take back so many community's like mine.

Thank you,

A VERY concerned mother (who lives in fear daily)