

HB 2671

**RELATING TO
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the island of
2 Molokai has struggled for years with limited opportunities for
3 gainful employment, and that the impending relocation of Mycogen
4 Seeds from Molokai to Kauai, due to the merger of agricultural
5 companies Dow and DuPont in September 2017, will have a
6 significant economic impact. As a result of the relocation,
7 eighty-two permanent and seasonal jobs will be lost from the
8 island of Molokai. The announcement of Mycogen Seeds's
9 relocation, along with many other recent job losses, together
10 with the challenges caused by the past year's reduction in
11 options for inter-island transportation, have only intensified
12 the concern about Molokai's economy and the economic stability
13 and well-being of its residents. The executive director of the
14 Molokai Chamber of Commerce has indicated that Molokai-based
15 employees of Mycogen Seeds would find it difficult to relocate
16 to Kauai for employment, due to the fact that Molokai residents
17 are often relied upon by their fellow residents to provide care



1 are often relied upon by their fellow residents to provide care
2 for children or aging parents. The legislature recognizes that
3 as a result of the job losses and their trickle-down effects,
4 families on Molokai may lose their homes, cars, and ability to
5 pay for their children's college tuition.

6 The legislature further finds that a number of state and
7 county offices and agencies have been working together to
8 determine how to optimally assist Molokai's soon-to-be displaced
9 workers and address the detrimental economic impact to the
10 community. These offices and agencies include the office of the
11 governor; the department of labor and industrial relations; the
12 department of business, economic development, and tourism; the
13 department of human resources development; and the department of
14 agriculture. Due to the significance of this undertaking,
15 members of the Maui county council and members of the Hawaii
16 senate and house of representatives and their standing
17 committees have also been providing input and assistance.

18 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to support the
19 continued availability of gainful employment on
20 Molokai.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
 4 office of the governor; the department of labor and industrial
 5 relations; the department of business, economic development, and
 6 tourism; the department of human resources development; and the
 7 department of agriculture to collaboratively develop and
 8 implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the
 9 overall continued availability of gainful employment on the
 10 island of Molokai.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended as follows for the
 12 purposes of this Act:

- 13 (1) \$ by the office of the governor;
- 14 (2) \$ by the department of labor and industrial
 15 relations;
- 16 (3) \$ by the department of business, economic
 17 development, and tourism;
- 18 (4) \$ by the department of human resources
 19 development; and
- 20 (5) \$ by the department of agriculture.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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INTRODUCED BY: Lyn DeCrote

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H.B. NO. 2671

Report Title:

Displaced Workers; Island of Molokai; Governor; DLIR; DBEDT; DHRD; DOA; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

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HB 2671

TESTIMONY



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Thursday, February 1, 2018
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of

HB 2671
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) would like to offer the following comments on HB 2671, which appropriates monies to DBEDT to collaboratively work with The Office of the Governor, DLIR, DBEDT, DHRD, and DOA to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability and gainful employment of the island of Molokai.

- DBEDT would be pleased to work collaboratively with our sister agencies.
- Suggested appropriated sum is not known at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

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January 31, 2018

To: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair;
The Honorable Daniel Holt, Vice Chair; and
Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

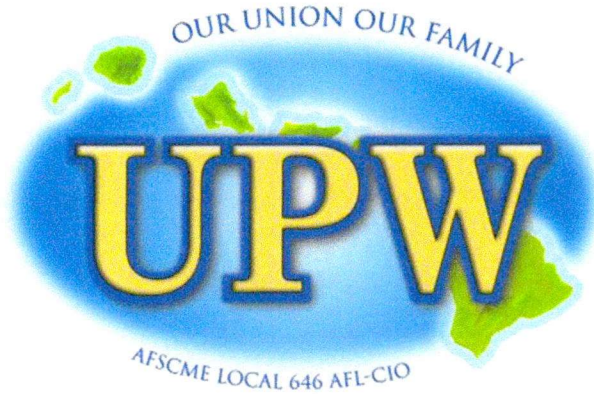
From: Leonard Hoshijo, Acting Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 2671 Relating to Employment Opportunity

HB2671 proposes to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism, the Department of Human Resources Development, and the Department of Agriculture to collaborate in developing and implementing methods to assist dislocated workers and address the need for gainful employment on the island of Molokai. DLIR supports the intent of this measure provided it does not conflict with the Governor's budget priorities.

With the passing of this legislation and funds appropriated to the department, DLIR would provide assistance with basic educational and vocational training to better prepare affected populations on the island of Molokai for any potential job opportunities. Entrepreneurial training may be included if small business opportunities are developed in collaboration with designated agencies.

DLIR suggests including in the bill's appropriation language to authorize the use of funds for the implementation of activities as agreed upon by the collaborating agencies.



THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Regular Session of 2018

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johansen, Chair
The Honorable Daniel Holt, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, February 1, 2018
TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 309

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2671 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers (UPW),
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

Hb2671 appropriates funds to several state agencies to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai. According to the 2018 Molokai Health Center report, "Molokai has an unemployment rate of 15%, more than two times higher than the State average. The "not employed" rate includes those who are unemployed but not receiving unemployment benefits is estimated to exceed 19.5%." It is estimated that about 38% live outside the social service network and depend upon subsistence farming, hunting and fishing. A limited number of state government jobs are advertised for Molokai General Hospital, the Queen's Medical Center and Aloha Care.

The UPW strongly supports HB2671. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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TESTIMONY**



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Testimony of **Ford Fuchigami**
Administrative Director, Office of the Governor

Before the
House Committee on Labor & Public Employment
February 1, 2018
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 309

In consideration of
House Bill No. 2671
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt, and committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments supporting the intent of **House Bill 2671**, provided it does not impact the priorities detailed in the Governor's Executive Budget.

This bill appropriates yet unspecified funds to the Office of the Governor, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor, and the Department of Human Resources Development to collaborate in addressing the needs of dislocated workers on the island of Molokai.

We appreciate your attention and will be available to answer your questions, should you have any at this time.

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

FEBRUARY 1, 2018
9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 309

HOUSE BILL NO. 2671
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Chairperson Johanson and Members of the Committee:

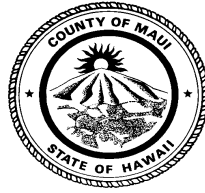
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2671. This bill provides funds for gainful employment on the island of Molokai due to the closure of Mycogen Seeds. The Department supports this bill provided it does not impact the priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

This bill provides funding to support the 82 lost jobs on Molokai to various State Departments in an effort to support the employment opportunities for misplaced workers on the island. The Department supports the efforts to provide employment services for these displaced agricultural workers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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February 1, 2018

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA
MAYOR
COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Thursday, February 1, 2018
9:00 am - Conference Room 309

HB2671 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Rep. Daniel Holt, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB2671.

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

Molokai has long suffered the ups and mostly downs of economic recovery and sustainability with the closing of the pineapple plantations, the closing of the Kaluakoi Resort, the relocation of large scale agricultural production to Oahu, the shutting down of operations of Molokai Ranch and now the impending shutdown of Mycogen Seeds. Molokai continues to have the highest unemployment in the State of Hawaii. The economic losses over the years have been slightly buffered by large employers like the Kaluakoi Resort, Larry Jefts' farms, Molokai Ranch and Mycogen. Each successively taking up the slack as the businesses shut down and leave the island. With the impending closure of one of our last large employers, Molokai is once again at the precipice trying to stem the trickle-down effects impacting the families, businesses and economy of our island. The various agencies of the County of Maui along with the State continue to work collaboratively to determine how best to assist the soon to be displaced workers of Molokai.

I strongly urge the passage of HB2671.

Sincerely,

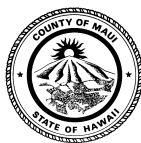
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February 1, 2018

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TO: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

FROM: Mike White
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2671, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important bill. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and to address the continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

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. Molokai continues to have one of the highest unemployment rates in the State of Hawaii. The island has suffered from tumultuous economic downturns due to the closing of the pineapple plantations, the closing of the Kaluakoi Resort, the relocation of large scale agricultural production to Oahu, the closure of Molokai Ranch, and now the impending shutdown of Mycogen Seeds. Action must be taken to prevent an additional downturn.
2. With the impending closure of Mycogen, approximately 82 displaced workers will add to the already high unemployment rate. These funds will help mitigate impacts by supporting collaboration among multiple entities to provide innovative solutions.
3. It is impractical for many Molokai residents to relocate for employment, and options for inter-island transportation are limited. This bill will assist to create opportunities for residents of the island.

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

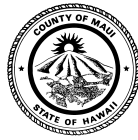
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January 30, 2018

TO: Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2018

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2671, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

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

1. Molokai has long suffered the ups and mostly downs of economic recovery and sustainability with the closing of the pineapple plantations, the closing of the Kaluakoi Resort, the relocation of large scale agricultural production to Oahu, the shutting down of operations of Molokai Ranch and now the impending shutdown of Mycogen Seeds. Molokai continues to have the highest unemployment in the State of Hawaii.
2. The economic losses over the years have been slightly buffered by large employers like the Kaluakoi Resort, Larry Jefts' farms, Molokai Ranch and Mycogen. Each successively taking up the slack as the businesses shut down and leave the island. With the impending closure of one of our last large employers, Molokai is once again at the precipice trying to stem the trickle-down effects impacting the families, businesses and economy of our island.
3. The various agencies of the County of Maui along with the State continue to work collaboratively to determine how best to assist the soon to be displaced workers of Molokai.

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

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January 31, 2018

TO: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member

DATE: February 1, 2018

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2671; RELATING TO
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR); the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT); the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD); and the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

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

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

1. The island of Molokai has struggle for years with limited opportunities for gainful employment resulting from the closures of larger businesses over the years. With the latest announcement of Mycogen Seed's relocation from Molokai to Kauai due to the merger of agricultural companies Dow & DuPont, has resulted with 82 permanent and seasonal jobs lost for the island of Molokai.
2. Molokai-based employees of Mycogen Seeds would find it difficult to relocate to Kauai for employment, due to the fact that Molokai residents are often relied upon by their fellow residents to provide care for the children or aging parents. The results of job losses and their trickle-down

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effects, families on Molokai may lose their homes, cars and this only intensifies the concern of Molokai's economic stability and the well-being of its residents.

3. The various agencies of the County of Maui along with the State continue to work collaboratively to develop and implement solutions to assist the soon to be displaced workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

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

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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 2:20:02 PM

Testimony for LAB on 2/1/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Maui County Council	Support	No

Comments:

Please support the Department of Human Resources Development and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.



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February 1, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

TESTIMONY ON HB 2671
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Room 309
9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committee:

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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports HB 2671, which appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

The announcement by Mycogen Seed's closure of their Molokai operation clearly demonstrates the challenges faced by commercial agriculture. Yet, Hawaii wants to see agriculture as part of their plan for increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

HFB supports this measure which will provide Mycogen Seed employees along with other Molokai residents assistance with job opportunities on the island of Molokai. Employees will need to find other jobs and require training to enhance their skills to become successful in new job opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 4:59:30 PM

Testimony for LAB on 2/1/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Rep. Daniel Holt, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 1, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 309
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Support for HB 2671, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Honorable LABOR and PUBLIC HEALTH Committee Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Holt and Committee Members:

As a representative organization of the neighbor-island of Molokai with dozens of members who employ hundreds of our neighbors, friends and families, we are respectfully submitting testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2671.

Agriculture is the backbone of Molokai and the largest private employer is the commercial agriculture sector, which includes Mycogen Seeds. The pending ceasing of their operations is of great concern to not only our agriculture sector, but to our families who will be impacted and our greater Molokai business community.

The loss of 82 jobs on Molokai is equivalent to losing 15,700 jobs on Oahu. And this is compounded by the following:

Molokai traditionally suffers from the highest unemployment rate in Hawaii which is usually two to three times greater than any other island and the Statewide average, and with the loss of this many jobs it will likely quadruple or more. Additionally over 35% of our residents are on government assistance programs. Our electricity and fuel are the most costly in the State and the extra leg of shipping required to obtain our basic goods drives up the cost of living to a level that is challenging for many of our families to manage, without livable wages.

Add to this the upcoming closure of Mycogen Seed's operations and its clear that Molokai and our working families will shoulder this tremendous burden with few places to turn for help, resources and most importantly, employment.

In past company closures there were always other industries and sectors to absorb the employees and help share in the burden, but currently there are no other industries that can absorb a shift of this magnitude.

You have the ability to get in front of this. We ask that you as legislators be bold in your thinking and strong in your commitment in addressing and ending the chronic needs of our island.

Sincerely,

Robert Stephenson, President & CEO



Board of Directors

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President
Alan Takemoto

**In Strong Support of HB 2671
Relating to Employment Opportunity**

Vice-President
Joshua Uyehara

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309

Secretary
Dawn Bicoy

Chair Johanson and members of the committee:

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Treasurer
Laurie Yoshida

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 economy.

Directors-at-Large
Adolf Helm
Mark Stoutemyer
Dan Clegg
Gene Harrington

HCIA stands in **strong support of HB 2671**, which appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

President Emeritus
Kirby Kester

The appropriation of funds, as well as the collaborative work between the various state and county agencies, will demonstrate government’s commitment to stimulate Molokai’s economy and to find solutions that enable Molokai residents to continue to live and work on the island they call home.

Executive Director
Bennette Misalucha

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director