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Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**March 22, 2018**  
**11:20 AM**  
**Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**HCR 217/ HR 187**

**URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO  
MITIGATE THE DISPROPORTIONATE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF  
2017 ON HAWAII CITIZENS BY INCREASING FEDERAL SUPPORT OF HAWAII HOUSING  
INITIATIVES.**

Honorable Chair Brower, and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HCR 217/ HR 187.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly supports** HCR 217/HR 187, which urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to mitigate the high, disproportionately adverse impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and urges the Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase funding levels to Hawaii programs, regardless of potential budget cuts pending the federal appropriations bills.

The current budget put forth by our President proposes to zero out all capital funds for public housing and greatly reduces the public housing operating fund by nearly half. These budget cuts, if passed, would result in the loss of all federal funds to maintain HPHA's federal properties, and cut in half funding to maintain administrative operations of HPHA's federal public housing program.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with HPHA's testimony regarding HCR 217/HR 187. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

**HR-187**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is in STRONG SUPPORT of HCR 217/HR 187, which urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to mitigate the disproportionate adverse effects of the tax cuts and jobs act of 2017 on Hawaii Citizens by increasing Federal support of Hawaii housing initiatives.

LURF respectfully urges your favorable consideration, and appreciates the opportunity to express its SUPPORT for this measure. Please feel free to contact David Arakawa, LURF Executive Director, if there are any questions.