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To: The House Judiciary Committee The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

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# Name Ida D. Ma Sun

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October 31, 2013

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chairman House Committee on Judiciary The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chairwoman House Committee on Finance

Re: In Opposition to 5.B. 1: The Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the Committee(s)

I Renwick V. I. "Uncle Joe" Tassill, feel that the sacred covenant of marriage between a man and a woman should not be confused with the civil union issue, whereas a marriage of a man and woman was a command, given to mankind by God when Adam and Eve was banished from the garden of Eden to go forth and multiply. Adam and Steve nor Edith and Eve are able to go forth and multiply. As a result, I am very much against the union of Adam and Steve or the union of Edith and Eve in the Holy covenant of matrimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and please accept and register my testimony as a no vote on the issue of shame sex marriage.

Mahalo Renwick V.I. Tassill Aloha Uncle Joe

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RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights
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From: Michael Lopez  Cith, State: Waipahu, Hawaii
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Michale Valle

Name

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To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee Chair Representative Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee Chair Representative Sharon Har, Judiciary Committee Vice-Chair Representative Scott Nishimoto, Finance Committee Vice-Chair Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Finance Committee Vice-Chair

From: Amanda Babcock

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Makawao, Hi 96768 Babcock.a.l@hotmail.com

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Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

SB1 Relating to Equal Rights RE:

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Caroline L. S Ma Sun

Cith, State: 6423 A 101St St.
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From: Nick LaCarra

91-1196 Alanui Mauka St Ewa Beach, HI 96706 nickl@cbpacific.com

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Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

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# Vame Mena T. France

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

From: Mena T. Fiaavae

Cith, State: 94-334 Pupuole St. I will be testifying.

Subject:

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From: Kimball Kaopio

85-1029 Mahi'aina St Waianae, Hi 96792 Kekaislife@yahoo.com

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From: Krystal Kalili

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Name Alberta Keamo

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

From: Alberta Keamo

City, State: Waipany # 91797

Subject:

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From: Chelsea Furtado 46-157 Humu st. Kaneohe, HI 96744 Canf@hawaii.edu

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Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.			
From: Lindell Mika			

city cith, State: Waipana

Subject: I will testify

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Signature: Limbelle Miller Date: 10/29/13

From: Samuel Fullmer

55-127 Naupaka street

Laie, HI 96762

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Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

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Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I grew up in a heavily Mormon background. Being gay wasn't and still isn't accepted. I'm not going to go through all that I had gone through, conversion therapy, 12 step programs, to rid myself of my "same-gender" attraction. I won't go into the pain that I have felt from my family refusing to have me and my partner at Christmas dinner or other holiday events. What I will tell you is this. I have had such an up hill battle with me being homosexual, with the lost of so much and why? I believe that happiness in correlated with truth. The truth is that I love my boyfriend, who will soon by fiancee this December and I hope to be able to raise my future children here in Hawaii with that man. Please allow me to pursue my path of happiness and be able to marry my boyfriend here in the state of Hawaii. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

To: The House Judiciary Committee The House Finance Committee

Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Capitol Auditorium Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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TAYLOR KAS TANKAN

PLUA BEACH HI 96706 Address

From: Amanda Finlay
2101 Nuuanu Ave
Honolulu, HI 96817
mandy.finlay@gmail.com

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RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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Subject:

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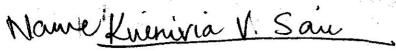
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Name

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Address

From: Asia Yeary

2957 Kalakaua Ave. Honolulu, HI 96815 yeary.asia@gmail.com

RE: In-Person Testimony on SB 1

Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

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SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

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To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke Finance Committee

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Signature: Johnny Malaki Date: 10/29/13
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From: Laura Daniels

930 Kaheka St. PHB-5 Honolulu, HI 96814 alohalaurad@aol.com

RE: In-Person Testimony on SB 1

Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

**Position: Strong Support** 

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. I was born and raised in Hawaii and am of Hawaiian ancestry. I whole-heartedly believe that the repression of another citizens rights is unconstitutional and prejudicial. The people HAVE already voted on this and turned the decision over to you. This IS a civil rights issue and The Bill of Rights has never been opened to EXCLUDE a group. Only to extend rights that others have enjoyed and yes, even taken for granted. The freedom to marry the person you love is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone. Gay and lesbian couples get married for similar reasons as everyone else – to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and fidelity to the person they love. In Hawaii, we don't turn our backs on family. No member of anyone's ohana – gay or straight – should have to face shame because of who they are and who they love. The government should not be in the business of telling people who they can and cannot marry. None of us would want to be told that it is illegal to marry the person we love. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: Mana Caceres

91-225 Pilipiliula Place Kapolei, HI 96707

Mana@ibehawaiian.com

RE: In-Person Testimony on SB 1

Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

**Position: Strong Support** 

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in TOTAL support of SB 1. As a parent of 4 keiki, I have an obligation to teach my keiki to stand up for what is pono no matter how many others might be standing against you. Today, I am asking you to do this same thing. Stand up for what is pono. Marriage equality for all people. Please pass this bill to allow for marriage equality for all of Hawaii's families. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: Brina Chang

1941 church lane Honolulu, HI 96826 Wavelaa@yahoo.com

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From: Cassandra Trevino
Kaneohe, HI 96744
25.ctrevino.13@gmail.com

RE: IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Thursday, October 31, Capitol Auditorium

**Position: Strong Support** 

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Luke, and members of the House Committees on Judiciary and Finance, I am writing in strong support of SB 1. As a strong believer and supporter for equality coming from California, a state that was once faced with the same obstacles as Hawaii in the matter of marriage equality, I believe that it is a matter of basic rights for anyone to marry. In a world where discrimination and segregation has been succesfully overcome the battles have yet to cease for the minority class. This case being the lesbian and gay couples that are proud hardworking Hawaiian citizens. Who are we as human beings of the same flesh to judge who they can and cannot marry? Coming to Hawaii I've learned so much about the culture and traditions of such a wonderful and beautiful place. But to learn that marriage equality is still an issue in a state known for Aloha and Ohana was so unfortunate. Therefore I am here writing a testimony that Hawaii can overcome this issue. Everyone is part of the ohana, gay or straight.

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee Re: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights Hearing Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m. From: <u>Blossom</u> <u>Uta</u> City, State: <u>Kapolei</u>, <u>Hawaii</u> Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL,

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808 - 204 - 7774 Phone number

**Email (optional)** 

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Judiciary Committee and Chair Sylvia Luke, Finance Committee

Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 am

Hearing Location: Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1, Relating to Equal Rights

From: Wala Latara Khaheer

City, State: Wahi awa HT

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City, State: MILILANI, HI

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204@ yahoo.com

To: House Judiciary Committee

Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium

Re: Strong Opposition to SB1

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This bill should be given due process during the Regular Session where it can properly be vetted and examined as all other bills. The people who elected you to represent them should be represented in that we know that approximately 70% voted NO to same sex "marriage" the last time it was on the ballot in 1998. Please put it on the ballot again. The people should be able to vote on the marriage issue, not just give public testimony.

In addition, IF SB1 were to pass, the legalization of same sex "marriage" would take away my First Amendment rights. The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;..." Vote NO on SB1 to protect all of our First Amendment rights, including the free exercise of religion. Please let the people decide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ANGOTO M. JOHNSON SR. Honohely, Hi 96818

10/29/13

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To: The House Judiciary Committee
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Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, October 31, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

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RE: SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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Subject:

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL, SB1 Relating to Equal Rights

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As a concerned, citizen, I am submitting testimony against this special session and the bill that would legalize same-sex marriage, SB1 Relating to Equal Rights.

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I oppose this bill because it will infringe upon our freedoms protected under the First Amendment and will have far reaching consequences that nobody seems to be discussing. Whether it is freedom of speech, education or employment, this bill will impact our future and forever change our history, customs, and culture.

Finally, we voted on a constitutional amendment in 1998 giving the legislature the power to limit marriage between opposite sex couples and did not give legislators the right to define marriage as we are finding out only now! The only legitimate way to change this is to let we, the people, decide. Why should less then a hundred people decide what's good for almost a million people that live here in Hawaii? Please do not circumvent the democratic process!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against this special session and against this bill. I look forward to further instructions on obtaining my ticket number.

Signature:

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