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Aloha Chair Batangan, Vice Chair U'u-Hodgins, and Members of the GREAT Committee,

My name is Belia Paul, founder of A Honu Space, a Maui based professional organizing and kūpuna concierge service. I work closely with older adults, caregivers, and families across our island who are navigating aging, dementia, housing transitions, and end of life planning.

Although I am unable to attend the meeting in person, I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Through my work in the homes of kūpuna across Maui County, I see firsthand the challenges many of our senior's face. These include:

- Aging safely in homes that were never designed for declining mobility
- Caregiver burnout and lack of coordinated support services
- Confusion navigating government systems and available resources
- Housing insecurity and financial vulnerability
- Limited access to clear, transparent information about programs intended to support them

Government transparency and ethical decision-making matter greatly to the kūpuna population. Many seniors rely on public systems, and when information is unclear or difficult to access, they are often the ones who suffer the most.

From my perspective working directly in our community, I respectfully encourage the Council and the Board of Ethics to continue strengthening:

- Transparency in how public resources and programs serving seniors are communicated to the public
- Collaboration between County departments and community organizations that already serve kūpuna and caregivers
- Clear public information that helps families understand available services before they reach a crisis point

Maui has one of the fastest growing senior populations in the state. As we discuss ethics, transparency, and public trust, I hope the needs of our kūpuna remain part of the conversation.

Mahalo for your time and for your service to our community.

Respectfully, Belia

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