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The Honorable Stacy Crivello, Chair  
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

**Subject:** Proposed Bill Amending 2.96 Relating to Rental Housing Credits... HHT-2(1)

Aloha Chair Crivello and County Council Members,

I am here on behalf of Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) on Maui and our CCH Housing Development Corporation. Our Housing Corporation is currently working on Meheula Vista which is a senior housing project in Mililani. The total units for this project is 300 units. Our Housing and Development Corporation is focusing on an affordable rental housing project on Maui called Kahului Lani and we have secured the financing for the first phase of this project which consists of 83 units. .

This bill will also insure that affordable housing stays affordable for at least 30 years and in some cases, in perpetuity. This is especially good to know as it will ensure affordable rental housing for years to come.

The proposed bill will help increase affordable rental inventory and in turn help people in our Maui community, some of which may be homeless, get into low-income rental housing.

The passing of this bill is an additional step in providing needed affordable housing on Maui. I support the changes to Chapter 2.96 Residential Workforce Housing Policy which includes housing credits for rental units. We really want to be part of the solution for Maui's affordable housing needs and ask you to please vote in favor of this amendment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thelma Akita-Kealoha".

Thelma Akita-Kealoha, Maui Community Director

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