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My name is Sandra Aki, the Founder and President of Hale Makana O Waiale Tenants Association. I reside at Hale Makana O Waiale. When my husband, Abraham, died 2 months ago, I was left worrying how I was going to pay the next month's rent without his income, knowing I alone on Social Security would not be able to carry the entire burden myself.

The housing tax credit was created as a market incentive for the acquisition and development or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. It encourages the investment of private equity in the development of affordable rental housing.

The housing credit helps build affordable and low income housing that I alone with my income can qualify for based on the KAHULUI LANI Subdivision plan presented by Catholic Charities Hawaii which is 100% affordable and eligible for tax credits.

There are many widows living at Hale Makana O Waiale who are struggling to pay their rent. The Kahului Lani subdivision is an answer to prayers for those of us senior citizens whose income lies between 30%-60% of the Area Median Income.

I ask for your vote on amending the Workforce Housing Ordinance for tax credits on affordable housing rentals.

Sandra L Aki

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