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**From:** Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez <tominmaui@me.com>  
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Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

My name is Joan Martin and I live in Kihei. I am testifying in strong support of item BF-38 (26) AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET (GRANT TO MAUI FAMILY LIFE CENTER; GRANT TO KA HALE A KE OLA; ESTABLISHING A HOMELESS PROGRAMS DIVISION; AND ACQUISITION OF SPACEMAX SHELTER UNITS on the Budget and Finance Committee's January 26, 2016 agenda.

In Kihei many homeless people are congregating with no place to go. I have never encountered a problem with anyone, but they need help and we must provide it in an organized, effective and efficient manner.

Finally, we need a Homeless Division within the Department of Housing and Human Concerns to focus our energies and to seek additional federal and foundation funding.

Respectfully,

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