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Aloha WASSP committee members,

It is with complete shock that I sit and write this testimony regarding the proceedings of Bill 111 on December 2, 2024. To witness the continued and complete disregarding of the SYM advisory committee members testify in opposition, in opposition- the very people this Bill is supposedly written to protect, be rejected sets your place in how history is being written. The outright dismissal of the courage it takes to stand in public and challenge the very system which is continuously abusing you and often illegally incarcerating you, the system the public pays into, and share how the harm, step by step happens in your presence was truly shocking.

Share Your Mana has international expertise and has been testifying since 2002 in various forms. No one even batted an eye at the abusive tactics Maui's administration is enacting, all from the comforts of air-conditioned offices with locks on the doors. Hardly a fair fight. No substantive clarifying questions were asked. The hypocrisy is luminous, staring us all in the face. Only one of the current council members has ever accepted the continued and open invitation by Share Your Mana to sit, literally sit in the filth in a community meeting hosted by those who are living without basic human habitation requirements.

Share Your Mana has been on the forefront of education and collaboration developing for decades in Maui County. The intentional exclusion because we have solutions to solve the problems which do not align with the forced narrative that people want to live that way is an old, tiresome, zero evidence statement which must end. Please provide one report against all of the hundreds of testifiers over the past years who say **all** unhoused want this. It is a failure of the agencies, of the skill sets/proper training, of the leadership in our County and especially of our nonprofit leadership which wants it to continue this way to keep everything status quo. All the while life is evolving, Maui sits in the dark corner with its arms crossed defiant to any possibilities to improve the lives of those in most need.

We will not slink away. We will not allow you to represent false narratives which harm. Normalizing, accepting this is harmful to every community member. We will carry on and maintain the integrity of everyone who is able to use their voice and mana for those who are too afraid, housed or unhoused. May you experience the freedom of opening up and doing the work you were elected to do, under the law and not based upon ignorance. I welcome the new year with a new and more inclusive demonstration of community and the courage to represent!

Struggling to feel valued, Lisa Seikai Darcy, Founder, Share Your Mana

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Sometimes one must raise your voice to alert the “that’s the way we do things.”

Please review your involvement in this meeting, the silence which is complicit, and the lack of overall protections for those in the meeting seeking your protection. May you bring inspiration to all your encounter.

Mahalo,
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