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To whom it may concern-

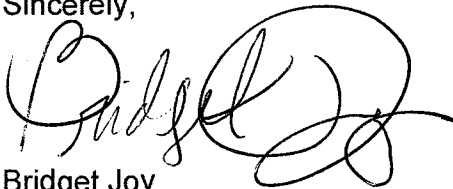
My name is Bridget Joy and I am a 24-year old college graduate working full-time on the West Side. Being born on Maui and raised in Lahaina, I know that the west side of the island is the most lucrative area for work, but also, the most expensive to live. Living in an apartment with three other people is really the only viable option for someone in my position (i.e. fresh out of school, first time living on my own, lots of bills). Finding a nice, clean, SAFE place to live is tough, but finding all that at an affordable cost is basically unheard of.

40% of jobs in Hawaii pay below living wage, and that is just unacceptable. The lack of affordable housing for people in the service industry is totally noticeable throughout our community, young and old. In order to continue living close to our families, friends, and jobs, we need to start thinking of and building affordable housing for the working class. Lahaina is a perfect, central location that makes riding a bike, walking, or taking a bus to work extremely convenient. Which in hand, would clear up traffic a bit, free up parking spaces for customers and locals, and also be beneficial to our environment!

It's terribly disheartening and discouraging as a young woman to be struggling to find affordable safe housing in my hometown.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bridget Joy', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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(Submitted by William Cron)