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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 7:22 PM
To: TCtestimony
Subject: testing

LATE TESTIMONY

I am commenting in regards to:

HB2790

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2010
TIME: 11:20AM
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Specifically, the proposed fireworks ban.

I suspect that this may not be in time, but no matter. I've said my piece, as well as countless others before me. I stand by each of my points:

1. That "tradition" has not ever justified and does not ever justify any actions that harm the well being of citizens, and is in fact a ridiculous justification,
2. That the "gunshot" fireworks I'm now hearing all the time almost to the exclusion of all else are excessively, startlingly loud,
3. That the obscenely excessive use of these fireworks (starting from November 1 last year) and use for occasions for which they are not at all appropriate (most recently the Super Bowl) do not fall under any established tradition and are in fact a violation of standing law,
4. That this problem has existed in previous years, but became much, much worse in 2009,
5. That times change and an item which the people cannot use responsibly cannot be permitted, even if they were responsible with it in the past,
6. That the fact that Hawaii has bigger problems does not give its government carte blanche to completely ignore all others,
7. That *unlike* prostitutes, drugs, and other oft-cited disruptions, fireworks have caused tremendous aggravation to people all over the state,
8. That I, and nearly everyone else supporting this bill, would be very happy to support bills regulating other sources of excessive noise, such as motorcycles, should they ever come up,
9. That it is unfortunate that it's come to this, but the fact is that it has, and it is the responsibility of a mature, informed, conscientious citizenry to address it and take whatever steps necessary to alleviate this very serious problem.

That is all. Use my words as you will, so long as you do the right thing in the end.

V/r,
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To the attention of The Chairman and Vice Chairperson,

House Bill #2790 on 2/11/2010 @ 11:20am

We totally support of bill 2790. We support strong action to be taken on those using and in possession of illegal fireworks. They are a danger to themselves and their neighbors. Aside from the fact that they could burn our house down, what gives them the right to make so much noise? We can't even stand to be in our home on New Year's Eve or the 4th of July.

In closing let me impress upon you the attitude of our neighbors. New Years Eve of 2008 our neighbor set off a home made bomb in front of our home at 6 pm. I saw this happening and backed away from the window, and watched two pictures fly off my bedroom wall!!! When my husband flew out of the house and told him what happened, his response was "Maybe you should take all your pictures down tonight".

Please pass this bill and any upcoming bill,

Sincerely,

Nick and Julianne Young

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