TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

House Bill 1627, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1

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| COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS |
| Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair |
| Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair |

DECISION MAKING

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| DATE: | Tuesday, April 3, 2018 |
| TIME: | 10:00 A.M. |
| PLACE: | Conference Room 211Hawaii State Capitol |

To the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

 I strongly support this bill and respectfully request that it be passed. I am extremely grateful to the leaders in our state legislature who have worked hard to move this bill to its final hearing. On February 28, 2018, this committee passed Senate Bill 3023, an almost identical bill, and I am hoping that the committee will support this cause once again.

 People with disabilities want to be treated equally. Current labor laws specifically authorize discrimination against us by excluding us from the protection of minimum wage requirements. This bill will end this discrimination in Hawaii, a place where nobody should be left behind.

Mahalo nui loa,

Name

Member (or other title)

Chapter or Division Affiliation, if applicable

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