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TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Kelly T. King
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 11,
RELATING TO POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to protect the State's economy and environment by prohibiting the sale of polystyrene foam containers and serving of prepared food using polystyrene foam containers statewide.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Polystyrene foam is ultra-light, which prevents collection systems from capturing it and allows it to easily accumulate on land and in waterways.
2. Products made using polystyrene foam are one of the most common kinds of litter pollution in Hawaii.
3. The sight of polystyrene products littering Hawaii's landscapes serves as a detriment to the State's number one industry, tourism.
4. Polystyrene foam contributes to the potential death of marine animals and avian populations through ingestion.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.