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TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2234, RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to lower the threshold of blood alcohol concentration from 0.08 to 0.05 for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

This measure is substantially similar to the one in the Maui County Council's Legislative Package. I offer this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Half of all traffic fatalities on Maui are the result of drivers operating vehicles while intoxicated.
2. Approximately ninety countries have lowered their Blood Alcohol Concentration levels to 0.05 resulting in decreased alcohol-related traffic fatalities.
3. This measure will deter intoxicated individuals from driving and ultimately, save lives.

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

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