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TO: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

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

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 2319, RELATING TO TOURISM**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **opposition** to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to prohibit tour vehicle and aircraft operators from conducting commercial activity on Sunday in any county of the State.

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 oppose this measure for the following reasons:

1. It is the purview of the counties to regulate business hours and locations of tourism related commercial activities.
2. This measure would infringe on the authority of Maui County to regulate commercial activity in the county based on the county's best interests and applicable policies.
3. Maui County currently restricts specific commercial activity on certain beaches on Sundays, with broad public support. The blanket prohibitions under this measure would not take into consideration the particular needs and input of the county's residents and communities.

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