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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JUNE 26, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB460, SD1, PROPOSED HD1, RELATING TO COUNTIES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to clarify the counties' authority to regulate hosting platforms, authorize the counties to establish a registry of lawfully authorized or permitted short-term rentals, and authorize the counties to require short-term rental operators or owners to provide their physical address.

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. Clarifying the counties' authority to regulate hosting platforms will help the counties prevent further proliferation of illegal transient accommodations and preserve residential housing.
2. Authorizing counties to establish a registry of legal short-term rentals will promote transparency and accountability.
2. Authorizing counties to obtain the location of short-term rentals will appropriately remove obstacles to the enforcement of zoning laws.

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