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

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

DATE: February 3, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 606, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to temporarily halt nonjudicial foreclosures by condominium associations until June 30, 2023.

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. The COVID-19 pandemic and the governmental responses to contain its spread have ravaged the State's tourism-centric economy.
2. This negative economic effect exacerbated Hawaii's pre-pandemic housing crisis.
3. To ensure that everyone has adequate housing during these uncertain times, it is necessary to temporarily halt certain types of foreclosure proceedings.

For the foregoing reasons, I SUPPORT this measure.

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