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TO: Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: March 23, 2021

SUBJECT: **OPPOSITION TO HB 573 HD1, RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate federal funds for COVID-19 response and require funding of certain programs to be paid for from the county share.

I OPPOSE this measure for the following reasons:

1. The measure restricts and reduces COVID funds for counties.
2. It also requires counties to use its COVID funds to fund any amounts appropriated for public education, jails, and hospitals.
3. Finally, the measure increases costs for the counties by requiring them to pay twenty-five percent of the costs for services from the National Guard.

For the foregoing reasons, I OPPOSE this measure.

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