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TO: Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: February 25, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 754, RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED**

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

On February 19, 2021, the Maui County Council adopted Resolution 21-22, entitled "SUPPORTING STATE SENATE BILL 754 (2021), RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED." Therefore, I am providing testimony on behalf of the Maui County Council.

The Maui County Council **SUPPORTS** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure would help the County realize its "Vision Zero" goal of eliminating all traffic deaths by 2040.
2. The Council agrees with the National Transportation Safety Board that this measure would help save lives in Maui County and throughout Hawai'i.

For the foregoing reasons, the Council **SUPPORTS** this measure.

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