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

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

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2419, RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS  
HOSTING PLATFORMS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to create a pilot project for counties with a population less than 200,000 to regulate the operation of hosting platforms that provide booking services for transient accommodation operators.

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 increased prevalence of hosting platforms that offer transient accommodation rentals has posed challenges to monitoring and regulating their operations and collecting associated tax revenue.
2. Without the ability to regulate these hosting platforms, the County does not have the adequate authority to guarantee the health and safety procedures that are required to protect consumers.
3. This measure would create a five-year pilot project that would allow the County to regulate the operation of these hosting platforms that would benefit both the County and the consumer.

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