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Dear Build Beyond Barriers Working Group;

I am testifying on behalf of myself, a Honolulu resident, to question the need and public value of the requested fee exemption.

This project is moving forward through Bill 7, which already provides generous exemptions for affordable housing projects.

My understanding of HRS 302A, School Impact Fees, is to ensure that schools supporting the new residents of the development can be properly funded to provide a quality education.

Would this project not be viable without this fee waiver? What is the public getting for this waiver?

Nothing in the justification shows a “need” for this waiver, nor any additional affordable housing value that wouldn’t already be realized without this waiver. Right now it just looks like more profit for the developer, at the cost of educational support for our children.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,  
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