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Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Committee Members:

**RE: SB 1466, SD2 Relating to Gun Violence Protective Orders**

You have three bills on today's agenda dealing with gun rights and gun safety. I thank you for scheduling them for hearing, and hope you will be able to approve them all. But of the three, I think SB 1466, SD2 is the most important and has the greatest likelihood of saving lives.

SB 1466, SD2 would provide for protective orders, a concept that has gotten much national attention in recent months. The idea has grown out of the need to curb the gun violence that has become so prevalent in the United States, and to which Hawai'i is not immune. While there are details in SB 1466, SD2 that are beyond my expertise, it appears to me that the authors have drawn a fair and proper balance between the rights of gun owners and society's interest in safety.

I defer to your wisdom with respect to exact provisions, but strongly urge approval of some version of gun violence protective orders.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR