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Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 1466, SD2, HD1 Relating to Gun Violence Protective Orders

You have two 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 both. But of the two, I think SB 1466, SD2, HD1 is the most important and has the greatest likelihood of saving lives.

SB 1466, SD2, HD1 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, HD1 that are beyond my expertise, it appears to me that the authors and prior committees 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,

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