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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 911, SD1 Relating to Health (Hilo Medical Center Cardiac Care)

Thank you for this opportunity to support the improvement of cardiac care services at Hilo Medical Center (HMC).

For better or worse, over the past few years, I have developed an ongoing and personal relationship with HMC and a number of other medical institutions. HMC has given me excellent service, and Hawai'i should be very pleased with the quality of care it provides. However, HMC could do so much more if additional resources were available, and better cardiac care has been identified as a priority.

Please act favorably on SB 911, SD1, and please provide sufficient funding to make meaningful improvements in Big Island cardiac care.

Respectfully Submitted,

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