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RE: Petition contesting the renewal of commercial use permits issued to FOUR specific Mala Launch Ramp commercial ocean operators.

Aloha Chairperson and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in regards to this Petition. My name is Theo King. For the last forty years, I have been blessed to have the opportunity to go out and work on our beautiful ocean. I'm at Mala ramp once or twice a day, at least five times a week. It is an essential location for all parties to use, be it for commercial or communal. So we respectfully request for the Board deny this Petition.

Petitioners claim they cannot use the Mala boat launch ramp to send off their boats for traditional and customary fishing, canoe paddling, and to conduct nearshore gatherings. I can say for certain that I have witnessed many people utilizing the ramp for all kinds of boating and ocean activities daily. There hasn't been anyone unable to make use of the Mala ramp.

In regards to the Petitioners' claims of not having access to public parking, limiting commercial customers' access to parking in the area is not the solution. We believe the best direction would be to instead expand the area for parking. By looking at a map of the area, one would see many unused vacant lots surrounding the area that could be converted into additional parking spaces.

Claims of Commercial activities and unsafe sunscreens contributing to ocean pollution are unfound. The sunscreen issue has already been resolved with the recent banning of harmful sunscreen in the state. While most commercial boats that use the Mala ramp are small, have no bathroom heads, and are powered by four-stroke engines. As such these vehicles do not cause any sort of harm or pollution to our ocean.

I believe the DLNR boating does a great job as is. The only issue I see happening over at the Mala ramp is the lack of use of the surrounding area that could be utilized for additional parking. As it is right now, only the less fortunate homeless are making use of the area.

Mahalo,
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