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Aloha,

My name is Greg I live at 47-153 Iuiu St, Kaneohe, HI 96744. I live several houses from Ohana Kayak Rentals. I am writing in testimony as to what I have seen with Ohana Kayak Rentals.

First, Ohana Kayak rentals is a commercial business in a residential neighborhood. We are a quiet neighborhood and all the neighbors know each other. Everyone in the neighborhood is very kind and I love living on this street.

Ohana Kayak rentals is changing the neighborhood. There are tourists constantly driving down the street. I can't count the number of times I've been in my front yard and tourists stop to ask where Ohana Kayak Rentals is. My answer is always the same. "This is a residential neighborhood and there shouldn't be any businesses here.

Then they rent to tourists give them kayaks on dollies and they are walking up and down the street blocking traffic and making the street feel like I'm in Waikiki. One day a couple couldn't get their kayak on the dolly and we're stuck behind my car in the street and I couldn't leave my house.

Also, I spend a lot of time on the bay and I have seen her renters crashing into the reef next to our street, getting out of the kayaks and walking them across the reef and banging up coral.

When I have talked to the owner about her business she is beligerent and rude. I had made complaints with DPP and DLNR and they told me to take videos when she is loading kayaks in the road and blocking traffic and other things so I did. She would scream at me when I would take videos and one time she said that DLNR had no jurisdiction there, I had given video to investigator and I hope you have seen it.

I'm really writing this to say that Ohana kayak rental owner moved into the neighborhood and started her business against the wishes of all of the neighbors. She was rude and mean when people would ask her to stop exploiting our small quiet neighborhood. She didn't care about anyone else in the neighborhood. She would send people down the street blocking traffic and causing problems, she let her kayakers damage our beautiful reefs in Kaneohe and she didn't care. She has been open on google maps up until yesterday 4/24.

Please make an example of Ohana kayak rentals for everyone to see. Please give her the maximum penalty so other people in Kaneohe know that illegally exploiting Kaneohe bay for commercial use will not be tolerated. We have dealt with this for over two years and I appreciate that she will finally be brought to justice.

Thank you,  
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