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To whom it may concern,

My name is Katherine Baker and this email contains my testimony opposing granting Secure Parking LLC a long term contract. From my experience both within the state of Hawaii and internationally, parking is a human problem with very reasonable and manageable solutions, none of which are being utilized by this company. The areas under the maintenance of Secure Parking LLC are largely recreational spaces meant to be used and enjoyed by our residents in a respectful manner as we seek to connect to the natural world around us and the incredible spirit of these islands. To have such a beautiful and important connection overshadowed by predatory towing and unreasonable fees is not only a disappointment but also a deterrent for many to even try to enjoy these spaces.

In previous meetings, this company has failed to produce even the necessary documentation to maintain the contract they actively hold. To renew a license to a company that has made absolutely no effort to ease the transportation problems within their own domain would be neglectful to residents and visitors alike.

If the state of Hawaii is to uphold the values we claim to, then awarding companies like Secure Parking LLC continued contracts for poorly managed public spaces is simply unacceptable. Commonright law protects our access to beach spaces, but it is circumstances like these that call into question what "accessible" really means in practice. I urge this council to reconsider granting this long term contract in favor of an organization that sees these spaces as potential for city bike ports, accessible technology for users, or simply less predatory practices to accomplish a common goal of functional and accessible public space. We have a world filled with humans, drivers, their cars and their need for parking space; if Secure Parking LLC represents the best case scenario I simply ask us to expand our range of possibilities.

Thank you kindly,

Katherine Baker