

Sample letter:

Mr. Aaron Chung, Chair
Hawai'i County Council
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Chair Chung,

We cannot afford to let the cost of building traditional homes in Hawai'i prevent our communities from addressing the homeless crisis. For several years concerned agencies and individuals have worked to support more affordable housing options in Hawai'i. Today, an estimated 244 local Big Island families are homeless without adequate housing. Housing should be a human right. When people must live on the street, their health and well-being suffer.

We are asking you to consider preserving Amendment L. and to continue to support Bill 179 addressing housing in Hawai'i. According to the Hawaii Housing Planning Study, Hawai'i County will **need 13,303 units by 2025** to avoid a massive housing shortage. Please be part of our community's solution to end homelessness in Hawai'i County by supporting the changes we need to get families off the street.

Thank you for supporting our community members who need help the most

Sincerely,