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Subject: Re: HB 466 HD 1

Dear Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I respectfully request that you do NOT approve HB 466 HD 1 in the House Finance Committee, unless it contains an exemption for the Hawaii Medical Center – and anyone else who shares its beliefs. A very large portion of the people of Hawaii, both Catholics and others, oppose abortion because it violates the human rights of unborn children. The “emergency contraceptive” is, in effect, a non-surgical method of abortion. Although I oppose its use in any place, I urge you to please allow at least the Hawaii Medical Center to honor the terms of its lease with the St. Francis Healthcare System by granting an exemption from the requirement that it dispense emergency contraceptives. At least allow this degree of choice in our community by respecting the consciences of a wide constituency.

Thank you very much for your attention to this very important matter.



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