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Regarding: Senate Committee on HSH
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Date: February 3, 2007

To: **Senate Committee on Human Services & Public Housing**
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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From: Kelly M. Rosati, JD
Executive Director, Hawaii Family Forum
Lobbyist, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii

Re: **Support for SB 1209 Making an Appropriation for Emergency Domestic Violence Shelters**

Honorable Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services & Housing, I am Kelly Rosati, **representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. The Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 230,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

Because of our collective commitment to Hawaii's families, we strongly support emergency domestic violence shelters, which offer safe havens for victims of domestic violence fleeing their abusers. Domestic violence injures countless women and children each year and, tragically, sometimes even leads to death.

Funding for these emergency shelters has saved and restored an unknown number of lives and families.

We urge your support for SB 1209.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.