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Friday, February 9, 2024
1:00 PM, Via Videoconference

RE: **SB2101** Relating to Health, Air Quality - **Strong Support**

Dear Chairs Gabbard & San Buenaventura, Vice-Chairs Richards & Aquino
and Members of both Committees,

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce represents over 100 small businesses across the State of Hawaii that strive for a triple bottom line: people, planet and prosperity; we know Hawaii can strengthen its economy without hurting workers, consumers, communities or the environment. This is why we are in strong support of SB2101.

Hawaii residents living in the community near H-POWER deserve continuous monitoring of air emissions from waste incinerators; They should know exactly what they and their children are being exposed to. Currently, nine of the dangerous pollutants covered by this bill are not required to be monitored at all; another nine pollutants are tested just once a year under optimal operating conditions, underestimating the actual emissions.

Continuous monitoring will provide actual data that emissions are higher than we're led to believe. Covanta provides continuous monitoring for at least one of their other municipal clients. In Europe, continuous sampling demonstrated air emissions of the most toxic chemicals known to science - dioxins and furans - are 30 to 1,300 times higher than annual stack tests show. The people of Hawaii are equally deserving of continuous monitoring when available and continuous sampling in the alternative - either way we deserve the cleanest air quality for our keiki and kupuna, and generations to follow.