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1:00 PM, Via Videoconference

RE: **SB2368** Relating to Environment - **Proposed Amendments**

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 support REDUCING the tonnage of waste we import into Hawaii by reducing the volume of plastic packaging waste that the largest producers of fast-moving consumer goods generate and ensure that whatever remains is either reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

This is why we would support SB2368 only with the following amendments: Replace all sections of this bill with the contents from **Senator Gabbard's superior SB1458 (2023)** which is currently held up in WAM/CSC's joint committee. SB1458 targets the world's largest producers of fast-moving consumer goods as those best suited to eliminate packaging waste and pay the fees attached to waste that does make it to Hawaii – instead of the local food producers targeted by the current SB2368.

We need to stay focused on pursuing the worlds wealthiest corporations to bear the costs of repairing the decades of damage caused to Hawaii by their business model. We must hold them accountable and demand that they do better. If we are able to pressure these multi-national corporations to make those needed changes, those changes will have the largest-scale, exponential impacts on how much packaging waste does NOT get shipped across the globe.