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Senator Mazie Hirono
713 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Hirono,

My name is Lisa Dau and I represent Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) and Safe Kids Hawai'i as the Injury Prevention Coordinator. KIPC is a statewide community-based organization, with representation from more than 150 organizations committed to preventing injuries to of children Hawai'i. Safe Kids Hawai'i is the state coalition of Safe Kids Worldwide based out of Kapi'olani Medical Center (Lead Agency for Safe Kids Hawai'i).

In 2011, a young boy by the name of Evan English lost his life after falling out of a second-floor window in Navy Housing Base in Honolulu, Hawai'i. This was a terrible tragedy that could have been prevented. Each year in the US children fall out of windows and meet their death just like Evan did. It is estimated that 4,700 injuries occur each year from children falling out of windows and buildings.

We need to have effective engineering with safe coding and laws to protect our children from harm while around windows.

We were pleased with the passage of Evan's Law that require Public Private Venture housing managers to take measures to protect children in their military housing from window falls. However, more needs to be done.

KIPC and Safe Kids Hawai'i support the efforts of *The National Association for Child Window Safety (NACWS)* working on passive barriers, child window safety screens and child window safety bars. Building coding, laws and the elimination of loopholes as suggested by NACWS need to be addressed to ensure the safety of children. *Americas Lendlease* is a forerunner in the area of child window safety, and have been installing child window safety screens in military homes. Others in the business should follow suit. Laws also need to be changed to include any operable windows with sill heights below 42 inches from the floor and requiring passive barriers, screens or bars that meet ASTM F2090 standards.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa M. Dau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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