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February 27, 2024

The Honorable Tommy Water
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 7 – Relating to declaring the City and County of Honolulu a
Purple Heart City

I apologize that Mayor Blangiardi and I signed up to speak and subsequently are conflicted by a meeting off-campus. I am offering this written testimony instead and Deputy Managing Director Jayaram can answer questions on our behalf, if any.

The Blangiardi administration supports declaring the City and County of Honolulu a Purple Heart City. In addition to honoring and remembering the brave acts of all veterans in Honolulu, it is especially meaningful for Honolulu to show our steadfast gratitude to those Purple Heart recipient veterans who were injured or killed in service to our country. We strongly support Bill 7 and appreciate the Council's consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael D. Formby
Managing Director