

# Resolution 21-18, CD1 Testimony

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Written Testimony	I support this resolution, the safe return of sport for all and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle.
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## Written Testimony

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Organization

Aloha Honorable Council Chair Waters,

Please support Resolution 21-18 CD1 to continue the conversation on bringing back businesses and activities, more specifically organized sports.

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After nearly a year of living within restrictions, can considerations to loosen some activities while still following safety protocols be set in place to get back to "normal". Specifically for organized sports, athletes can adapt to wearing masks if allowed to compete again. Many want to train and compete with their teams and will respect distancing and would wear masks, if allowed. Sports is such a healthy activity for humans and the denial for nearly a year has been a tremendous sacrifice. Please allow the task force to explore and allow ways to come up with safe measures but more flexibility to gather and compete.

Respectfully,  
Paula Sumimoto-Matsushima  
Mom of an athlete

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**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

I'm a parent of 3 kids in club soccer, 2 of them in high school. The lack of organized sports has affected my son's recruiting process, as he's a junior. His chances have reduced because he can't play with his team and get any travel in to get looked at since recruiters barely come to Hawaii to see kids. My second one has entered her first year of high school without any interaction with her friends and now, she can't even experience her first year of school soccer. The comradery of the sport and school pride has been lost because the season is gone. There hasn't been any proof that the sport has caused any clusters or even any cases so it's hard to understand why the restrictions haven't been eased. The friendships, the connections and the physical activity of it all has been a negative impact for my kids. I think with rules and regulations to help, we could create a safe environment for them to get back to it.

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**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Aloha, I am a freshman of Kapolei High, class of 2024. Over the past 2 years, I have been watching my older brother, who is a junior this year, play in high school games. I have always admired and loved the game of soccer. Over that time, it has built my desire to follow my brothers footsteps and be on our school varsity team as a freshman. I had been preparing myself to strive for that goal for a while, then covid-19 hit. I had to keep training, so I kept doing that. Over the time of quarantine, I have heard from the news that cases have declined, and life has gone back to the way it was, slowly. All has been coming back, except for sports, one of the many important pieces in my life. In order for life to go back to how it was, we need sports. Sports play a huge role in kids, like mines, lives. If sports is taken from us, life will never be the same again. Covid-19 hit us hard, the least that we can get back to normal is sports.

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Agenda Item 21-18  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony My son is 15 years old and a Freshman at St. Louis high school. He's just absolutely devastated that sports are shut down because it's lots of the local kids way to college. It's been very physically and mentally draining because we don't know if we should train a lot for the season or have a little rest period because sports isn't gonna start up again. Also the false sense of hope is mentally draining.

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Aloha, my name is Katrina and I am writing this on behalf of my nephew who is a senior. Covid has affected many of us. Many lost their jobs, business, homes, etc and as adults, some of us are able to find other ways to generate income that was lost and find ways to stand back up again. Though, I can't say the same for our keiki. I fear for their future and the mindset they will have coming out of this pandemic. As I care for the safety of our keiki, I care for their future much more.

My nephew has been shooting basketballs and dribbling since he could stand. This sport was not only a hobby of his, it was his first love. So if you could imagine having the love of your life getting ripped away from you and not knowing when you'll see them again, I could say that's probably how he feels right now. I believe there is something that can be done. Something to let our keiki see and feel their first love again – the adrenaline rush when you step into the court on game day, the excitement of a two-point lead, the anger of a miscalled foul.

Sports is an important way these children can grow and have the ability to fail and learn from every setback, move forward and do better. It builds teamwork, it builds discipline, perseverance, mentality, it teaches them to become leaders, how to follow, and most importantly love. Because if it weren't for the love of the game, these kids would be lost. So please, whoever that is reading this, help them feel love again. Their future depends on it.

Mahalo,

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**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Confidence, commitment, determination, critical thinking, leadership, sportsmanship, respectfulness. These are all characteristics gained from involvement in organized sports at any level, especially those of the formative years through to young adulthood.

**Written Testimony**

As a parent of two teen children actively involved in organized team sports at the secondary level, I have witnessed the importance of the role and influence organized sports can have on our young people, Our next generation of leaders. I have watched my children navigate through these years, struggling to find a place where they "belong", only to find it on the court, on the field, in the pool, on the track, behind an oar, on the mat. Right there with their peers, building strength in teamwork, learning respect for authority and regulations, learning self-confidence, learning to support those around them, and learning to be a leader, a friend, a teammate.

As adults, many of us are heading to work everyday with our peers, experiencing that same sense of teamwork, we are hitting the links with our friends, enjoying a few matches on the court before/after work, etc. We are enjoying the camaraderie of team sports and teamwork, benefiting from working with others toward a common goal. This is what has been stripped from our youth.

We have watched family members in several states successfully move forward with team sports by initiating safety protocol such as:

1. requiring masks for all in attendance except those athletes actively participating in the sporting event.
2. Issuing limited tickets of entry to each athlete (cheerleaders

included),

For example, in Iowa public schools in Sioux County they are given two tickets for entry, available only to family members of the same household

3. Limiting area of travel to those in more localized areas, limiting the exposure to outside athletes.

Please support our athletes, current and future. This is much more than sports, this is our future of leaders.

Thank you.

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**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I feel that our children deserve to go back to playing sports that they love and enjoy. Without them being physically active, I feel it hurts them both psychological and socially. If return to play can be brought back in a safe and well thought out manner, our children can enjoy being kids again. As parents that's all we want to see, is that our children can enjoy doing things that they love!!!

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**Agenda Item** Safe Sports Hawaii (Resolution 21-18 CD1)  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I believe that outdoors sports should be reopened for the good of our kids and others participating in outdoor sports. I believe adequate safety protocols can be deployed to ensure such activities would not promote the spread of Covid 19.

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**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Dear Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-18, CD1 which would establish a stakeholder group to discuss the restriction imposed upon sports and recreational activities that have been restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While I understand and respect the thought process that went into establishing the City's tiered recovery system, it is time for us to critically assess this system and how it affects both public health and the wellbeing of O'ahu residents. Establishing a stakeholder group would allow various opinions and proposals to be discussed and debated with the end goal being the restoration of sports in a way that allows our keiki to thrive while also not exposing them to undue risk of COVID-19 infection.

**Written Testimony**

As the president and CEO of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, I worked closely with tourism industry stakeholders to create industry health and safety standards because we felt strongly that this would be critical for hotels to begin to re-open to travelers. We were the first organization to submit standards to the State Department of Health and receive approval. HLTA undertook this because we felt strongly that we needed to reassess our standard operating procedures with laser-like focus to keep our people and our community safe.

This stakeholder group, should it be created, must make a concerted effort to do the same. Should sports' status in the tiered recovery system be changed, it must be in a way that allows for re-opening

while also keeping the athletes, coaches, and spectators healthy and safe. This stakeholder group can and should ensure that this happens.

For these reasons, I support Resolution 21-18, CD1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

My name is Wendell Au, and I am the head coach of the girl's softball team at Leilehua High School. I have also been a club coach for the American Softball Association in the community past 18 years. I am testifying in support of Resolution 21-18 CD1, which seeks to establish safe protocols for organized sports and recreational activities currently prohibited by the COVID-19 Honolulu reopening strategy.

I believe that it is possible to return playing select sports by utilizing safe guidelines and protocols. In my experience as a coach, I have seen players benefit from sports not only on the field but also in the classroom. The core values and lessons learned in competition have provided many with the necessary skills to succeed as adults.

### Written Testimony

Through my many conversations with both college and club coaches on the mainland, I have found that there are ways for us to safely execute a strategy that could benefit sports here in Honolulu. Please note that I have attached a document that was forwarded to me from a coach from Yavapai College in Prescott Arizona. It is the "COVID-19 Return to Play Policy" that has specific protocols and procedures adopted by the their team. I'd like to mention that during summer league play here in Honolulu, prior to the statewide shutdown, we had developed similar protocols that are in the attached document, and had had no incidents of COVID-19 transmission.

I like to conclude by strongly urging the committee to pass Resolution 21-18 CD1. I believe that it would be beneficial to the future of our community. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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**Your position on the matter** Comment  
**Representing Organization** Self

Please allow swim teams to use district pools for swim lessons, team practices, and competition.

Lockdowns and distance-learning have taken a toll on our children's mental health. Team sports support the physical, emotional and mental well-being of our keiki. Exercise promotes cardiovascular health and immune function, and team play provides needed socialization and camaraderie. Swimming is an important skill for any child, but it is essential on an island where beaches and pools abound and drownings are a major cause of death.

### Written Testimony

Chlorine and sunshine are effective viral disinfectants. Outdoors, the risk of viral infection is extremely low. This means that swimming in an outdoor pool is a great way to get the physical, mental and emotional benefits of team sports while minimizing risk of exposure to respiratory viruses such as SARS-CoV-2. Regarding beaches, pools, and water parks, the CDC states, "There is no evidence that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can spread to people through water in these places."

The waterpark has been open for months and both Maui and Hawaii counties have resumed team practices in their pools. It's time to let our kids swim.

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# HAWAIIAN SWIMMING

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January 26, 2021

Aloha Council Member Andria Tupola and Committee Members of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs (EMLA), Council (CCL);

Hawaiian Swimming supports the Safe Sports Hawaii (Resolution 21-18 CD1) initiative to allow organized sports and recreational activities currently prohibited by the COVID-19 Honolulu Reopening Strategy. Specifically, Hawaiian Swimming supports allowing registered swim clubs also registered with USA Swimming to resume swim training. Currently, USA Swimming which is sports largest national governing body has strict requirements for all member clubs that mandates following: 1) local government orders and rules; 2) Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines; and 3) USA Swimming safe sport established protocols (see: <https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2020/05/15/return-to-competition-roadmap-and-june-event-sanctions>)

There are key reasons why swimming is a safe outdoor sport and rationale to permit training to resume:

1. USA Swimming clubs shall comply with the most stringent and enforceable guidelines and comply with local, state, and federal public health guidelines (i.e. social gathering criteria) and;
2. Established USA Swimming guidelines such as coaching certification, safe sport provisions and pool layouts for safe distance swim practice guidelines <https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2020/09/15/usa-swimming-october-sanctions-update> and;
3. USA Swimming established Return to Competition Roadmap and planning for resuming practices <https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2020/06/29/usa-swimming-return-to-competition-plan> and;
4. The CDC has determined there is no evidence that COVID-19 can spread to people through recreational water <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/index.html> and;
5. Competitive swimming is a non-contact sport.

Currently, every County, except Honolulu County, has allowed Hawaiian Swimming teams to resume training. There have been no cases linked to COVID-19 identified to swim team practices in any County in the State of Hawaii. Recently, USA Swimming held a nationwide virtual meeting and confirmed that no COVID clusters were related to swim club training. In addition, there were no cases related to national swim meet competitions in December 2020 and January 2021.

Hawaiian Swimming supports resuming organized outdoor sports especially swimming because:

- Coached organized swim training have positive and greater control over safe protocols for athletes compared to recreational swimming which is currently allowed;
- Hawaiian Swimming mandates following best practices based on the current health environment and compliance with the most stringent and enforceable re-opening guidelines; and
- Most importantly, all steps within this progressive strategy requires compliance with local, state, and federal public health guidelines

Hawaiian Swimming supports the Safe Sports Hawaii (Resolution 21-18 CD1) initiative and is willing to continue working and partnering Honolulu County to help restart organized outdoor sports for the young athletes and future champions of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Jon Hayashida, General Chair  
Hawaiian Swimming, Inc. member of USA Swimming, Inc.

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Representing Self  
Organization

Hello

Written  
Testimony

I am Giovanni Ruiz; I attend Kailua High school and sports are a very important part of my life. Since I was very young school and sports have gone hand in hand. I try to excel in all of my class and I believe sports has helped me to do so. Being a high school athlete is very important and can affect my future opportunity for college.

Furthermore, I also have been recognized by the National Society of High School Scholars; this means I take school very seriously. As I have said before I believe that sports are a big part of my push to do well in school. I also believe that I am not the only student in the state who thinks like this. There are many students, and sports are needed for them and I to strive for our goals.

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**CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 21-18 CD1**

Aloha Honolulu City Councilmembers,

I urge you to support Resolution 21-18 CD1 to create a stakeholder group to propose appropriate adjustments to the current Tier System. This Tier System imposes severe restrictions on many small businesses, non-profit organizations and organized team sports.

The City & County of Honolulu must update and revise the current Tier system to allow Organized Team Sports to train & compete in Tier 2.

The children of Oahu have lost nearly a year of sports. They have lost nearly a year of opportunities. They have lost a year of development and a year of competition. They have lost the opportunity to compete in elite level competitions, Showcase events and Identification Camps with scouts from Colleges, Universities and professional organizations. They have also lost the opportunity to interact in-person with their friends and teammates, learning so many of the valuable life lessons that are gained by participation in sports.

It's time to put them back on the field! It's time to give them back opportunity! It's time to give them back their future. PLEASE take this step; PASS this resolution and PRESENT the work of the sports groups to the Mayor and advocate for the children to get back to sports.

Mahalo for your time & consideration,

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**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Organization  
Major Island Soccer Organization (MISO)

In representation of approximately 3600 athletes, male & female, as well as youth & adults, MISO fully supports the Safe Reopening of Organized Team Sports.

This is not only a necessity for physical health, but also for mental health as well character development.

The shut down of sports has gone way too long with no scientific backings for such. While many other states and countries have successfully been allowing sports to resume with no major health issues.

As the President of MISO, I've been constantly communicating with leagues in other states and countries to see how they're doing, and I've heard nothing but positive comments about their stance to allow sports to resume.

### Written Testimony

Hawaii has always been known as one of the healthiest States because people are able to do healthy activities year long. This hasn't been the case for the past 10 months, with the exception of July. In July we were allowed to resume and had to follow certain mandated imposed by the C&C as well as the CDC. In the 5 weekends that we were allowed to play, we followed all the mandates and included some additional ones as well. We had 0 cases of contagion. Yet, we were shut down again in August without any reasonable explanation.

We urge the Mayor and Governor to please reconsider the current placing of sports on Tier 4, and have them moved to Tier 2 ASAP for the sake of hundreds of thousands athletes island wide.

Organized Team Sports are much safer and healthier than many of the businesses that have been allowed to reopen in Tiers 1 and 2.

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration,

Aloha Councilmember Tupola,

We need to lift the restrictions and resume sports activities at private facilities and public parks as soon as possible. Our children have to play and compete in order to stay sharp and improve their game. Organized sports create the opportunities for our youth to learn, grow and build good character.

Our organization supports the development of junior tennis players in Hawaii. One of our objectives is to teach our juniors about good sportsmanship, responsibility and other great values through tennis!

The restrictions have deprived the junior players the opportunities to play for their school & community teams -- this has significantly reduced their chances for college recruitments and eligibility for scholarships.

Waiting until Tier 4 is unrealistic and will end all opportunities for ranking and player development — this negatively affects the player's future!!

The impact of the shutdown on their mental and physical health is a very serious issue that can no longer be overlooked. The junior players have been cut off from a sport that they love and it's a tragedy if we allow the restrictions to continue.

Just practicing or playing for fun is not development - they also need structure, guidance, and opportunities to compete. Through player development, it helps them build confidence in the sport as well as in life.

Tennis is not a contact sports so social distancing is not an issue. Tennis has been lumped in with all the other sports that are played in large groups. When playing singles and doubles — players are 6+ feet apart, thus social distancing is built into this sport. Coaches can provide instructions 6+ feet away from the players - again, social distancing is a not an issue. Same applies to the referees. Spectators can be limited to few and be 6+ feet away from the tennis courts.

Safety protocols have been in place for a year now. The safety measures include sanitizing before, during and after all practices and match plays. Limiting spectators to just one parent and/or two family members. Social distancing and wearing masks applies to everyone, at all times. Using outdoor tennis courts only.

Our junior players understand health safety protocols because it's been the norm for almost a year. This also applies to the spectators. People in the tennis community are responsible individuals - the officials, coaches, players and their Ohana.

Thank you so much for all of your efforts and support.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club in support of Resolution 21-18 CD1. My name is Mael Lefebvre, and I am the Technical Director of the club.

It has now been one year since the pandemic began, and a little less than one year since the sports activities have stopped here on Oahu. We fully supported the City, and the Mayor in their steps to keep everyone safe from COVID 19. During the Spring of 2020, every sport had to adapt, and most teams/clubs/activities now went online. While it was not the same as being in person, it was paramount that the kids could stay engaged with their friends and with the sport that they are engaged in.

During the month of June, when we were allowed to have a phased approach to practices, the kids were thrilled to be able to get back on the field to be with their teammates and doing what they love. In order to keep the kids, the families and the coaches safe, we put in place a COVID-19 committee at the club comprised of doctors who guided us to create an appropriate and safe environment for everyone.

Then came the second Stay-at-Home order with the tiered approach that Mayor Caldwell put in place. Even though we had spent some time doing online practices in the Spring, this time around it was much harder to keep the kids motivated and you could clearly see the motivation fading away. The fact that there was no end in sight, nor a way to get into Tier 4 where organized sports would be allowed, there is a huge risk for the kids to lose interest in their sport, and to lose the social aspect with their friends. Even though we were able to have the kids practice in small groups, it is not the same and practices become very repetitive without any competition.

Several studies have been conducted on the mainland, and there was a very minimal number of cases related to outdoor sports activities. We all understand that it will not be back to "normal"; however, when done in a safe manner, outdoor sports are one the safest activities that one can do during the pandemic.

The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club supports Resolution 21-18 CD1. While we support it, we also fully understand that we will need to meet certain requirements, and to follow guidelines set forth by the authorities but I can assure you that the sports community will take their responsibilities seriously and will adhere to what will come out of this Resolution.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**Meeting Date** 01-27-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** Youth sports play a vital role in the development of children. It's been almost a year and it is time for the children to get back into their own routines and not be isolated. As parents, we strive on doing the things we need to to make our children happy and successful. Allowing youth sports to continue and to open should be a top priority for the state we ask you to reconsider and to allow the children to continue sports.

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

My sons last year playing football. He was one of the QB. He is a late bloomer and didn't have the strength last year but did decent. He really needs this year to show scouts that he has the arm to throw. Without this year, he will not have the opportunity to go to college. Please allow sport. We can have no fans, immediate family only. Whatever it takes. Allow our kids to have the opportunity to play at the next level

Options:  
Varsity only  
No fans  
Only family members to watch the games.  
Separate practice squads that don't have contact with the team just incase players are needed.

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH  
Committee**           Council  
**Agenda Item**        Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on  
the matter**           Support  
**Representing  
Organization**        Self

**Written  
Testimony**

Aloha

My name is Kauai Asinsin and I am a mom of five children of which four are still in school and are student athletes. My husband and I are graduates of nanakuli who left to the mainland over 20 years ago due to our service to the military. When Covid hit last year and the challenges came hard we recognized that one of the biggest challenges we faced was the slow depression creeping upon our children as we were pretty much shutdown from all the things we had been use to and that was sports. I saw my oldest son who was about to be a senior slowly slipping away and we had to make some changes. We decided quite quickly that it was time to move back home where we knew without a doubt that sports would be available and that would build hope back into my children. We left Washington state after 17 years and came home in August 2020 only to meet up with state shutdowns. As time permitted and restrictions lifted, my husband did whatever necessary to keep my children outside and active with the hopes that we would see sports open soon. We've watched many HS open up in the mainland and wondered why we couldn't do the same. We are now well into the 20-21 school year with a 5th, 7th, 9th and 12th grader and NO SPORTS available. My son who is a senior has had nothing to look forward to this year and already had to start over with our move. All extra curricular activities and social life taken away. In a conversation with my son two weeks ago I asked him what was the thing that bothers him about this "pandemic" in his senior year and THE ONLY thing he mentioned was football. He had been playing since he was 5 and looked forward to playing his senior year. They don't get to experience the hype of games or the excitement of being acknowledged on "Senior Night".

They don't get the experience of building and strengthening relationships with their teammates. They lost a lot already but the biggest part is losing opportunity for the next level. By shutting down sports and keeping it closed we have hindered their succession of their future endeavors. I plea on behalf of the mental health of all young athletes who have found sports to be a safe place. Let's open up sports and cultivate hope for our future leaders. It's very possible and necessary for the well being of our youth.

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Resolution 21-81 CD1
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Simply put, the "safe" reopening of youth sports across the Islands would not only improve the physical well-being of our youth, but, maybe more importantly, it would be a big boost for their emotional well-being as well.

Written  
Testimony

Depression and suicides are on the rise at a rate that is likely more dangerous than what Covid presents to our youth. Unintended consequences are often worse than the "solution" to a problem.

Please read this article as a testimony ...

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2021/01/26/news/in-nevada-a-surge-of-student-suicides-pushes-schools-to-reopen/>

I humbly ask you to consider "safely" reopening youth sports.

Mahalo

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**Subject:** Public Safety Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Public Safety
Agenda Item	RES21-018
Your position on the matter	Support
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**Subject:** Public Safety Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 02-03-2021  
Council/PH Committee Public Safety  
Agenda Item Coronavirus  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I am a student at Kailua High School and for the past school year our sports have been shut down. Many students rely on this for college and without them many opportunities have been squandered. We need to open up our schools again.

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**Subject:** Parks and Community Services Testimony  
**Categories:** COUNCIL

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-19-2004  
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services  
Agenda Item RES21-018  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Hello,

Written Testimony My name is Zachary West and I support the reopening of youth sports. My team and many others have been adversely affected by sequential lockdowns and pool shutdowns that could have been avoided while maintaining safety protocols.

Zack West

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**Subject:** Parks and Community Services Testimony

**Categories:** COUNCIL

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

Can we please reopen the state to all sports again? There are many people here who are left with nothing to do now, as sports may be a big part of many of our lives. Not to mention there are lots of students all over the state who are missing out on countless scholarship opportunities due to the cancellation of our season. I believe that sports should be reopened, regardless of the Covid-19 situation. It should be up to us as players to decide whether or not we want to risk getting the virus, not the state.

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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-27-2020  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item 21-18cD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I believe we can run HS sports safely. Here on the Big island our cases are so low. With the right precautions I am in favor of having a shortened football season. I have a son who is a jnr looking to go on to college an play football and further his education. Please give them a chance. Mahalo Garry Higgins

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I support the establishment and implementation of safe protocols for organized sports and recreational activities so that Hawaii's keiki and families can return to play for physical fitness, mental wellness, and healthy social connections. Thank you for this opportunity to share testimony.

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## Written Testimony

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**Meeting Date** 01-27-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Students should be allowed to play sports as long as the right safety protocols are in place to keep all those involved safe. It's a proven scientific fact that exercise helps people rid themselves of harmful toxins that's create feelings of stress and anxiety. Even more so, our keiki have been dealing with an overwhelming amount of anxiety and stress due to the changing nature of the main aspects of their lives. As an educator I see this firsthand and the lack of motivation that some student athletes have slumped into because of the absence of the sports incentive. Some of these students have been training since they were young and it's a part of their identities. If other states have proven that sports can continue safely, then we owe it to our keiki to try it and let them know that we care about their livelihood and future. We have been constantly trying to be creative to keep school activities going and it's that collective creativity that we need to get our keiki playing sports again. They should always be at the forefront of our decisions as future leaders of this state.

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# Written Testimony

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 Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
 Council/PH Committee Executive Matters and Legal Affairs  
 Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1  
 Your position on the matter Support  
 Representing Self  
 Organization

Written  
Testimony

As both a middle school teacher and the president of Pearl City Little League, I can tell you that students NEED to have organized sports opened up. The pandemic has stripped children of lots of things, and yes, they are resilient, however, this has gone on for almost a year (except for a six week window during the summer) kids have not been allowed to be kids. Even as they are starting to go back to school now, there's no recess! They need to play. They need physical activity, they need the separation from their computer screen. For the sake of the children, please allow them to play.  
 Mahalo!

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# Written Testimony

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 Council/PH Committee Executive Matters and Legal Affairs  
 Agenda Item RES21-018. Return to youth sports  
 Your position on the matter Support  
 Representing Self  
 Organization

Written Testimony

As a student-athlete, who participates year-round in swimming for both club and school teams, I have been able to experience and appreciate the value of having athletics as an essential outlet. Having those steady practice schedules growing up gave me an important sense of structure and kept me focused on school, family, and my health. More than structure, those practices provided me with a safe place to relieve stress, have fun, and helped me feel more confident in myself. While I recognize the threat of the pandemic, I also feel that the HUGE benefit of youth sports should not be understated or overlooked. Not having the safe and accessible outlet of swimming quickly put me out of shape and caused me to gain weight. However, the negative effects of this restriction on youth sports have had consequences that are much more far-reaching than my physical health. In ALL areas of my life, I feel less motivated, less confident, and have experienced noticeable detriments to my mental health. I am currently a senior in high school and I know that the negative effects of the lack of access to youth sports only get worse when you look at the younger demographics (middle-lower school). Sports are an important tool in shaping the next generation into strong, motivated, leaders and I fear that this gross lapse in consideration of this fact will have long-lasting consequences for many young student-athletes. The last thing anyone wants to do is solve one problem by creating another and sadly our current policies surrounding youth sports during this pandemic have done just that. My team is the best thing that has happened to me and I hope that our youth will have the opportunity to benefit from that experience as well.

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# Written Testimony

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 Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
 Council/PH Committee Executive Matters and Legal Affairs  
 Agenda Item Res 21-018  
 Your position on the matter Support  
 Representing Self  
 Organization

Hello all,

My name is Peyton Barthel and I am the parent of two girls. They have been apart of Aulea Swim Club for the past 7 years and it has brought our family so much happiness and joy. Swimming means everything to my oldest daughter especially. She has gone from being a shy under confident girl into a young lady who has earned a scholarship and can't wait to swim in college. It has been quite a challenge and adjustment for them to not have swimming be apart of their daily lives. I understand the need for caution during this time but I feel like the opening of sports, especially non contact outdoor sports should be opened and supported immediately for the sake of the emotional and physical health of children since there have been no cases linked to these sports in locations that have opened these activities over the summer.

Written Testimony There was a study in Wisconsin conducted this past fall. Out of 30'000 athletes participating in high school sports, there was exactly one case of covid transmission that could be attributed to a youth sports game or practice. Please follow the link to read the findings of the study (only 2 pages):  
<https://ortho.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WI-HS-Sports-COVID-19-Summary.pdf>

I appreciate your willingness to take on this issue. While it may not be popular to urge for more than less restrictiveness it is the scientifically backed position that youth sports are not a vector for Covid. I strongly feel that the effects of keeping sports closed far outweighs the costs of reopening them.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and to consider this issue.

Aloha,  
 Peyton Barthel

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# Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	01-27-2021
Council/PH Committee	Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Agenda Item	RES21-018
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# Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Agenda Item	RES21-018
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Sports in Hawai'i lead to better health overall. Opening up sports of all kinds is the best possible thing that can be done right now because it leads to better physical and mental health. I'd hate for our Keiki to go another year without experiencing sports growing up. It makes no sense and is not fair! Let them play!
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# Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
Council/PH Committee Executive Matters and Legal Affairs  
Agenda Item 21 - 18CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I am a pediatrician and I strongly support this. Our children are suffering due to lack of organized sports and exercise. Multiple studies and science show that children can safely engage in exercise without risk of transmission of the coronavirus. Please make a rational Choice and allow our children to get back to exercising together.

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# Written Testimony

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 Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
 Council/PH Committee Executive Matters and Legal Affairs  
 Agenda Item Resolution Safe Sports 1  
 Your position on the matter Support  
 Representing Self  
 Organization

Good Morning -

Take a minute and think. Remember back to the days when you as a child could just pick up a ball, a racquet, a bat and participate in a sport. How fun was it for you? How many memories did you make? How many life lessons did you learn? Memories that will last a lifetime, right?

I'm guessing you learned valuable lessons about teamwork, collaboration, cooperation, winning and losing, perseverance.

Written  
 Testimony This is what our youth need RIGHT NOW!!!

The time is NOW!!

Make the RIGHT decision with safety as your main priority, it's POSSIBLE!!

Please Open Sports Up for our youth!

Mahalo,  
 Lynelle

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## Written Testimony

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**Meeting Date** 01-27-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Organization  
Jr Prep Sports America

**Written Testimony**

I would like to take this opportunity to speak on behalf of the over 3000 young men and women that participate in Jr Prep Sports each year. I am in support of resolution 21-18 CD1 to start a dialogue to discuss the reopening of the parks so that we can have organized youth sports. Over the last year the affects of not having organized youth sports on our keikis have been devastating. Many of our young athletes are starting to lose hope. Many are depressed and feel as if we've let them down. Some just simply don't understand why. I don't think I need to explain the negative affects shutting down sports have had on our kids. We all know how much our kids love sports and we all know how much of a positive impact participating in sports can be for a young athlete. If 42 other states, many of which have a much higher infection rate than Hawaii, can open up to organized youth sports, why can't we? The science have shown that they are the least susceptible to COVID-19 and least vulnerable. The affects of not being able to play the sport they love has a much more debilitating affect on our youth than COVID-19. Look at the numbers across the nation, look at how kids are starting to fail in school, look at the increase in suicides.

I strongly urge our leaders and decision makers to please reconsider your position with respect to organized youth sports. I know that if we work together we can be the 43rd state to allow organized youth sports and we can do it safely. I'm willing to do all I can to make this work for all of the youth of Hawaii. I know many of you are willing as well. Lets not let them down another year. Let us be the 43rd state. I know with your guidance and leadership we can make this happen for all of our kids!

Respectfully,

Robert Faleafine  
President & CEO  
Jr Prep Sports America

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Safe sports  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I would like the soccer complex opened we can stay in our cars while the kids wear a mask and social distance safely we can move forward please the kids are on technology too much we need sports in a safe designated place

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## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bringing back adult/ youth sports  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Hello,

Written  
Testimony

I just want to show my support for bringing back sports to our community. I play adult soccer, both outdoor and indoor and my son plays for Hawaii Soccer Academy. It has been very difficult to not have that form of exercise and team camaraderie for nearly a year. My son is 10 years old and was starting to really progress in the sport of soccer and now he is going to fall far behind again. The worst part of that they are just locked up all day, not getting any exercise and not being able to play with kids. Please bring back sports.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I support implementing safe protocols for organized sports and recreational activities because sports is a very important part of kids' lives, something we look forward to everyday.
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## Written Testimony

Name Kyle Bryan  
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Meeting Date 01-27-2021  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization MISO soccer and AYSO coach

I am in support for the opening up of youth sports among other aspects of communal life with safety measures in place.

Written Testimony I feel that after a little over a year of the pandemic impacting the world, we have learned that yes, the virus is deadly to people of advanced age and with health issues but pose small risk to children. I have also read that more often than not, it is adults who expose their children to the virus, not vise versa as it is adults who become contagious more often. This is truly a blessing as our youth have been saved from great risk. This has made me also believe that schools can be open as well.

School closure AND sports stoppage has been detrimental to the youth of Hawaii and if we are serious about the health and future of the people, we will return to placing a emphasize on physical and mental health. This is how we combat the virus, doing things that maintain our health. Thank you for the time.

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I support a supervised approach to allowing youth and amateurs return to playing organized sports. They should be allowed to play the sports no at tier 2- not have to wait until tier 4. There is no basis for keeping youth from playing due to COVID concerns. Control the spectators but let the athletes play

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	21-18
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please open activities in Hawaii. Our children, families and communities need these healthy activities to thrive.
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## Written Testimony

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Committee  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-18, CD1  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization

Please allow swim teams to use district pools for swim lessons, team practices, and competition.

### Written Testimony

Lockdowns and distance-learning have taken a toll on our children's mental health. Team sports support the physical, emotional and mental well-being of our keiki. Exercise promotes cardiovascular health and immune function, and team play provides needed socialization and camaraderie. Swimming is an important skill for any child, but it is essential on an island where beaches and pools abound and drownings are a major cause of death.

Chlorine and sunshine are effective viral disinfectants. Outdoors, the risk of viral infection is extremely low. This means that swimming in an outdoor pool is a great way to get the physical, mental and emotional benefits of team sports while minimizing risk of exposure to respiratory viruses such as SARS-CoV-2. Regarding beaches, pools, and water parks, the CDC states, "There is no evidence that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can spread to people through water in these places."

The waterpark has been open for months and both Maui and Hawaii counties have resumed team practices in their pools. It's time to let our kids swim.

Thank you

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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Sports can continue safely. The community can work diligently to support our youth in continuing to play sports through the pandemic. If the proper precautions are taken, youth can strive in sports. It's a much needed outlet in the virtual world they must live through today. It's affecting many lives. It is their future and they must have the opportunity to do participate actively. I am in strong support of Safe Sports. Mahalo, Crystal

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## Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support  
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I would like to voice my support for the formation of a stakeholder group. My family has been hit hard by restrictions imposed by the state. First and foremost, my wife lost her job at the Marriott and she has not been paid unemployment in 7 months. During that time she was able to pick up a temporary job but that faded away as well. We have and continue to struggle without any support from our government who continues to give excuses for why she cannot be compensated. We need to open up businesses so that ALL impacted families can go back to a somewhat normal life. Please keep in mind that we have a large cost of living in relation to wages. More needs to be done to help people get back to work.

Myself and my children have also stopped participating in team sports. This is extremely detrimental because it limits our physical activity. Going on walks as a family DOES NOT replace a team sport environment. As a result, my children have resorted to more time spent on electronics because large gatherings at playgrounds, etc., are not allowed. This is how we increase childhood obesity and diabetes. We need open up team sports so our kids can get moving again.

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# Written Testimony

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 Agenda Item Safe Sports Hawaii (Resolution 21-18 CD1)  
 Your position on the matter Support  
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Aloha,

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I know this is unprecedented times and there is no evidence on what will happen if team sports was too resume. But if we were to take necessary safety precautions such as temp checks, making sure parents dont bring their kids out when sick, no sharing of equipment, physical distancing on sidelines, etc... I believe this will work. Also with Hawaii having one of the nations lowest daily positive case counts we should give the kids and parents an option to play.

Mahalo

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## Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Being a K-12 educator, and a parent of 2 student athletes, I see the firsthand-impacts that our COVID-induced sports restrictions is having on our younger generation. It is not positive. We are seeing a disproportionate number of young adults experiencing depression. Students athletes who were once thriving in both athletics and school are now failing and losing their motivation. Students are spending much more time in front of a screen than ever before, due to distance learning, as well as the inability to go out and socialize. Their health is declining. And we need to act quickly. Every moment we spend deliberating this issue is time lost. I fully support the responsible and balanced lifting of restrictions to enable our student athletes to recover from this devastating time lost.

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## Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-18 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

I understand with the pandemic there are many concerns with organized sports; however, I believe it is doing more harm than good to not have sports available to students. We all know precautions need to be taken to keep people safe but give others the choice if they will be ok with their child/student participating and follow rules to keep others safe. I do not think we are putting these kids more at risk by having them return to sports. Their mental health is deteriorating and continues to deteriorate. I'm confident that sports will make a big difference when it comes to their health and well being. Please help us help our kids and students. They need this.

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## Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item** RESOLUTION 21-18-CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Organization  
CAL A'S HAWAII SOFTBALL

**Written Testimony**

I feel we should open up team sports in Hawaii in a safe manner. We've been in this pandemic for almost a year, I feel by now we know the right protocols to combat this virus. We already had a short season last summer that went pretty good/safe. We have smaller counts than almost every state, but yet they have been able to compete and we have not. I think the youth of Hawaii deserve a chance to play, of course we need to do this in a safe manner. Social interaction, exercise, discipline, teamwork are just a few of the life lessons they are missing out on. The youth are also missing out on improving their physical and mental skills of their specific sports, which will make it more difficult for them to get noticed by college coaches and hopefully receive financial help for a better education.

Thank you.

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## Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support  
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### Written Testimony

As a club coach for youth sports for over 10 years, me and my fellow coaches always strive to keep the athletes, under our supervision, in a healthy and safe environment. I have noticed, under the current pandemic tier we're in, we haven't had any covid cases occur due to our small 5 person training groups. We feel the steps and precautions we have in place have been successful and would like to broaden our training sessions and work with bigger groups. Please consider this agenda in place and help us help our youth get back to what they enjoy.

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## Written Testimony

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### Written Testimony

As a mother of a high school athlete, I support safe organized basketball to start immediately. My child is a high school senior, so time to play is limited. It's been my child's dream since the age of six to play senior year of basketball. This is not something that the seniors can ever get back. My family and my child all stood in disbelief and fell to the ground in tears when we found out basketball was cancelled. My child, like other students, have done the right things — strived for good grades, studied hard, worked hard, practiced hard, remained respectful, and remained focus. However, so much has been taken away: in-person school, senior luau, senior picnic, winter ball, yearbook pictures, and now sports. It can be done safely. Students will and can practice safety COVID measures with enforcement from coaches and parents. They can play with masks. Referees and coaches can wear masks. Audience can be limited. COVID testing can be done. The rules can be strictly set. Kupuna are getting vaccinated so the worry about bringing the virus home is greatly decreased. Not playing has caused depression and anxiety. Not playing can affect their college prospects if the goal was to play college ball. The athletes in the mainland will have an advantage over our Hawaii athletes since they've continued to play. UH is playing basketball, why can't our High school students? Please let them have safe high school sports back. There's no time left. We need to act now. Mahalo!

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## Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item** RES21-018  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** Our children need to go back full time to school, sports and their social activities. They have been victims too long. Please reopen sports and help our kids get back to their normal lives.

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