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MR. ROBIN CAMPANIANO: Aloha. I'm the facilitator. My name is Robin Campaniano. Welcome to you, and thank you for coming to speak to us. We have a microphone for you, if you'd like. And if you speak clearly so Terri, our court reporter, can transcribe what you say. It's very important for the gathering, and it's important that we keep your comments as accurate as possible. So welcome.

You can come forward. Start with your name and spell it, please.

MS. BARBARA TOFTE: My name is Barbara, B-a-r-b-a-r-a, Tofte, T- as in Tom o-f- as in frank t-as it Tom and e- as in eagle. I've been a resident here for 36 years. We've lived in many places on the North Shore, about nine before we built our house in 1988, and we had an analog meter put on it.

And I'll start with that because all this is great, and I appreciate all the work that you've done and your coordinating. You're smart people, and you are smart, as opposed to a smart meter is really a dangerous piece of equipment that's on each one of our houses. That radiation, you know, we bombed Japan and in other places there. They've been using that radiation in a very deadly way towards the whole world. And now they put radiation -- little radiation bombs on our houses.
And you can just go research yourself what radiation does. I didn't know what it was doing to me, but my doctor did. I had a doctor, Glenn Swartra (ph). He's from the Big Island, and he came and checked my house in 1990. In 1990 he was so happy that I had an analog meter on because he's from New York, and they've been already dealing with all kinds of things. And knowing that just made me really happy because I have a safe house. He came in with a Stetzerizer invented by a man named Stetzerizer -- or Stetzer and another man named Graham. They worked together to check the electricity flowing into our houses.

So in 1990 he came in and checked them all. And, you know, it's all very confusing. I have three meters just to check out and make sure my house is safe. There are so many. You can go and look in books. And how do I figure all this out? I'm just a teacher of second graders, you know, not somebody like you people here. It's amazing all the education you've had. You know all that. But I'm just a common person that's living in a house that had an analog meter in it and checked every plug. And they were all like 25 and under with how they grade it. So my house was fit.

But in 2004 KIUC came in and took it out and didn't tell me, and they put in a digital meter. Now,
it's not the smart meter, but it's digital. And so the
digital treated me just like it was a smart meter
because all of my plugs were then dirty. We call it
dirty electricity, written by -- a book I just got from
Dr. Milham.

So within three years I got leukemia,
pre-leukemia they call it, where my immune system is
breaking down. I didn't know it. I didn't even know I
had a digital meter on my house.

So you can do all of this wonderful work of
organizing, but if your end product in our houses and in
our environment is radiation and radiation pollution;
we've had some experts come in; we are polluted now.
Because in order for KIUC to move the information from
all of our houses and use our houses illegally as a
source of business -- because what the electricity
companies are doing all over the nation is selling
information to the government and to different
corporations that want to know all things about me.

I mean, it might not be -- it might not be bad
things. It's not bad to know that I open up my
refrigerator 15 times a night, but I don't want that
information out there. I don't want them using my
house, which is a sacred place and protected by the
Fourth Amendment and sacred. Nobody's supposed to come
in and take information from me without me giving permission.

I have not given KIUC permission to use my house along with the other houses that are in my neighborhood collecting information and sending it to KIUC on another 40 cell tower devices that are on our telephone poles.

So now we're getting more polluted. We've got 27,000 smart meters, we have another 40 cell phone devices that nobody voted on. Nobody could protest it. They just did it to us.

So I went to the board two times. And the first I called them to see why they have my analog meter. And I was told by Jim Kelly, We took it out and put in a digital in 2004.

And then subsequently I got pre-leukemia, and then in 2012 when I should have been here listening to you come and announce all this, I was at Cedars-Sinai to have my brain tumor taken out. And I just couldn't figure it out. Nobody could figure it out because this is a new science.

So you can tell somebody, I'm telling you this, but there's so much research out that says, yes, you could get sick. The American Academy of Environmental Science has documented things like more adults getting
leukemia, more children getting ADD. Or with all the cell phones and everything sometimes it's hard to see, is it just the smart meters or is it also the cell phones?

I mean, you see kids -- I saw a baby at a potluck the other day with a cell phone right to his head just walking around. I'm a teacher. I'm concerned about that. I'm concerned for the environment. Am I getting too long?

MR. JOE RIVERS: No, you're fine for right now because we don't have any other speakers. But if you have any specific comments on the document or your concerns, then we probably want to get to that.

BARBARA TOFTE: Okay. As I say, I see what you're doing and you're coordinating things. But if your end product is energy, and KIUC, our electrical company, is not listening -- I've been to them twice. Told them I'm sick, documented it, I had doctor's permission -- notes. It seems like permission, though -- to have my neighbors take their smart meters out.

And those people have ignored me because when they call KIUC, KIUC will say, No, we're not giving any more analog meters out. That time is over. It doesn't fit with our system.
And I'm going, I have 3,000 friends that have analog, and I'm asking you for one because I'm sick. I've got two situations happening, and they ignored me.

They said, No, we have a digital non-RF. But when we've tested it, we see there is radiation frequency coming out of it, but it's not to the extent that the smart meter is.

So you can do all this wonderful work, but if they say no to us, we have a polluted island now with more radiation, digital radiation. We're polluted. I wouldn't come to Kauai if everybody -- if I was just coming for the first time and I knew they had all this pollution on this island.

You know, then we have drones. What do we have drones for? Because they tell me I'm not going to have -- I cannot have an analog meter. I cannot have health. I have to keep that.

And when I said, Well, I'm going to take it out, put in my own.

They said -- the secretary said, We'll sue you. And then the president and CEO said, We'll turn your electricity off.

So that's very fascist, and that's not what America is about. And I think your committee should open their eyes up and do a safety and health document.
That's never been done, never been done.

And they harass people like me that want to have a clean environment, and we don't.

So I really hold all of you on this committee responsible to do something, make a change. Because it doesn't just affect me. It affects the dolphins, the whales, and the turtles, the birds even here on Kauai. So many people have left that I know of. Had a man with a wife that had cancer. He took his meter off, the digital, put on an analog. I still haven't heard if they turned his electricity off or not. But the wife had to move to Oahu.

But now they're starting to do Oahu, and Maui is involved and the Big Island. So we're not -- we are few right now, but I think the longer we have it on, the more people will get sick.

So I'm hoping that you do a safety check, and then I'll be happy. Because then people will say no more. Everybody will say no more.

MR. JOE RIVERS: Thank you, Barbara. It's 7:00. We will temporarily adjourn until other people come in.

(Concluded at approximately 7:03 p.m., May 12, 2014.)

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STATE OF HAWAII )
   ) ss.
COUNTY OF KAUA‘I )

I, TERRI R. HANSON, RPR, CSR 482, do hereby certify:

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