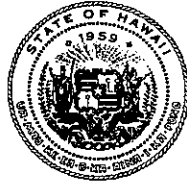


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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council,
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**GM 470, Robert T. Inouye
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2008**

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**Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
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March 20, 2008

The Honorable Ron Menor
 Hawaii Senate
 Hawaii State Capital, Room 208
 415 South Beretania Street
 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Menor:

Subj: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - GM NUMBER 471

I am writing to strongly recommend Mr. Robert Inouye to serve on the State's Environmental Council. He is very intelligent, technically competent, easy to work with, dependable and responsible. Bob served as our Environmental Engineer at the Pacific Missile Range Facility for 15 years. Although physically remote from our staff at Pearl Harbor, he was our eyes and ears in the field, completed difficult assignments and coordinated technical assistance from Pearl Harbor when needed. We at Pearl Harbor fully respected his judgment, advice and recommendations.

As the former Environmental Business Line Manager and now Business Officer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, I can think of no better person to serve on the State's Environmental Council. I highly recommend his appointment.

Please feel free to contact me at 472-1417 if I can further support Bob's confirmation.

Sincerely,

L. G. WONG
 Business Officer

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March 27, 2008

The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment
State Capitol, Rm 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Governor's Message No. 471
Nomination of Robert Inouye to the Environmental Council

Dear Chair Menor and Members:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Robert Inouye to the Environmental Council. I have known Mr. Inouye for over twenty-five years. I know him to be conscientious, highly trained and experienced in the running of sugar mills and bagasse burning plants and in the conducting of environmental reviews and development of environmental impact statements.

While Mr. Inouye is a substantially more conservative than I am on issues of the environment, I believe he will do his homework and look at the issues with an open mind, keeping the highest good of the community at the focus of his decision-making.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

JoAnn A. Yukimura



Okahara & Associates, Inc.
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Via Email: senmenor@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 24, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Nomination to State Environmental Council, GM number 471
Mr. Robert Inouye

I support Mr. Robert Inouye for nomination to the Environmental Council, GM number 471. I have known Mr. Robert Inouye for 45 years. During this time I have known Mr. Inouye to be very honest and fair. Professional he is very conscientious in making decisions and very capable.

Also working at the Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility as an Environmental Coordinator for 15 years should make him well qualified to be a State Environmental Council Member. I am sure Mr. Inouye will be fair in his judgement and make the right decision in protecting the environment. With Mr. Inouye's knowledge and experience he would be an excellent choice to be on the State Environmental Council.

Thank you for your committee's consideration in recommending Mr. Robert Inouye for approval as a State Environmental Council Member.

Donald Okahara
President
Okahara and Associates, Inc.

Date: Wednesday March 26, 2008

To: Senator Ron Menor, Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: John C. "Skip" Hance

Subject: Nomination of Robert T. Inouye
to State Environmental Council

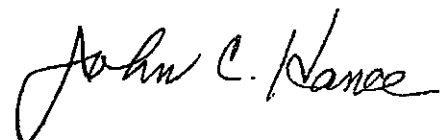
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I recommend that you and your committee forward the nomination of Robert T. Inouye to the full Senate with a recommendation for confirmation. His work experience over more than 40 years makes him particularly well qualified in the areas of energy and the environment.

I personally worked closely with Bob during the 5 years from 1982 to 1987 when he held the position of Factory Superintendent at Lihue Plantation Co. and I was first President and Manager of Lihue Plantation Company and later Senior Vice President of Amfac Sugar Company. During this period Bob led efforts which were successful in reducing waste water discharge from the factory by 50%. This greatly improved the environment while also significantly increasing sugar yields from lower elevation cane fields. He also managed Lihue's power generation system which provided a substantial portion of Kauai's electrical energy requirements.

Should you so desire, I would be happy to discuss any questions you and your committee might have regarding this matter. I can best be reached by phone at (808)-885-4826.

Sincerely,



March 19, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Hawaii State Capital, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message Number 471, Nomination to Environmental Council

Dear Senator Menor:

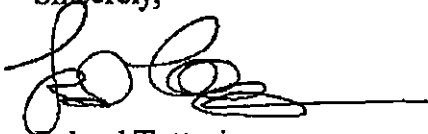
My name is Leland Tottori, and I served as the Public Works Officer for the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kekaha, Hawaii.

This letter serves as a recommendation to support the Governor's nomination of Mr. Robert Inouye to the State Environmental Council. As the former Public Works Officer, I worked with and supervised Mr. Robert Inouye for 15 years at the Pacific Missile Range Facility. As the Range Environmental Officer, he was tasked to ensure that the Navy and other Department of Defense Agencies, contractors, tenants, and range customers were in compliance with the numerous National, Department of Defense, Navy and State environmental laws and regulations.

Mr. Inouye worked independently with little supervision and was very competent in performing the tasks and duties assigned to him. His educational training, professional experience, wealth of knowledge on the subject matter and work ethic makes him an excellent choice as an Environmental Council member. He worked well with his fellow associates and respected their opinions and suggestions. He is open and able to adjust to change, and implemented many new ideas to improve operations. He is very reliable, and if appointed, Mr. Inouye will be a great asset to the State Environmental Council.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding this matter at (808) 335-4636.

Sincerely,

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Leland Tottori

Captain Robert J. Connelly, U.S. Navy (RET)
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March 20, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
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RE: GOVERNOR LINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL NOMINATION ICO MR.
ROBERT T. INOUE (REF: GM #471 MESSAGE)

Dear Senator Menor:

I am writing you to offer, for the kind consideration of the Chair and members of the State Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, my input and strongest possible, unqualified recommendation for selection of Mr. Robert T. Inouye to a position on the Governor's Environmental Council. In every respect a standout citizen, experienced engineer, and committed environmental expert, Bob Inouye is a singularly impressive individual and richly deserving of the committee's strongest consideration for this important and prestigious position.

Although presently retired from active military service and employed in industry, while serving in the U.S. Navy as the Commanding Officer of the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), I had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Bob on multiple issues related to base operations and oversight of the PMRF's comprehensive environmental program. In a word, Bob is "sensational."

Bob possesses a breadth of experience in multiple disciplines that undoubtedly will be of great value to the Council. A degreed chemical engineer, his varied experience includes substantive work in Hawaii's sugar industry, fossil fuel and alternative power generation, waste water system design and repair. As well, he is intimately familiar with emerging technologies to include refuse derived fuels (e.g., bgasse).

At PMRF, Bob was my "go to" leader when it came to environmental issues. He was the Navy's expert on Kauai in consequence management, environmental compliance, and management of precious natural and cultural resources. Under his direction, PMRF established an impressive record of flawless environmental compliance and garnered the trust of the local community as acknowledged, trusted stewards of the environment and the areas known for their significant cultural importance.

Notably, Bob was much more than just PMRF's lead environmental coordinator. Bob's depth and breadth of experience allowed him to bring much more to the decision-making process at the facility than solely providing solutions to

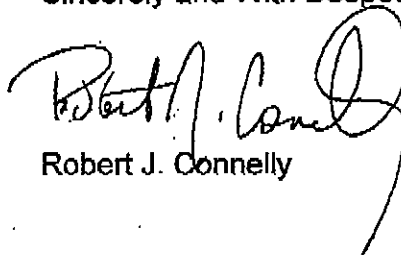
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environmental challenges. I relied heavily on his insights and ability to discern the essence of a complex topic across a broad spectrum of operational and management issues. He routinely brought new, well-researched, and innovative ideas forward for leadership consideration.

Bob epitomizes those qualities we seek in the leaders that serve us at the State level—exceptional ethics, strong moral character, discipline, humility, intellectual capacity, and the “Spirit of Aloha.” Collectively, these qualities enable Bob and those that work with him to succeed where others falter. I humbly request that you give him your most favorable consideration and confirm his nomination to the Environmental Council. Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely and With Deepest Respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Connelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Robert J. Connelly

March 24, 2008

The Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
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Dear Chair Menor and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Recommendation of Mr. Robert Inouye for the Position of
A Councilor on the Environmental Council**

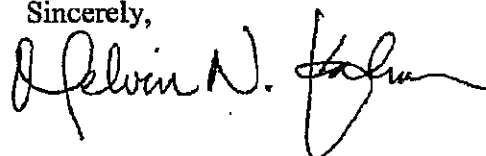
I take great pleasure in offering my strongest support for the appointment of Mr. Robert Inouye, as a member of the Environmental Council. Mr. Inouye and I have known each other professionally for the past 15 years. From the early 1990s, I had the pleasure of working with him on many environmental planning projects for the Navy. Mr. Inouye consistently demonstrated the attributes of an excellent environmental project leader, a proficient communicator to the highest levels of command and respected within the Kauai Community, and a man of integrity.

As the lead Environmental Planner for Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Bob had a wealth of experience and knowledge about both Federal and State environmental compliance regulations that will be invaluable to the Environmental Council, especially in light of major environmental initiatives potentially on the horizon. Although his national and statewide experience may be limited, his planning and engineering background and his management skills are generally applicable and he will be able to readily adapt. I believe that his Federal environmental planning experience will improve and invigorate the way that the State manages its environmental projects. And it is my sincere hope that he strengthens the integrity of the State's environmental review process.

From personal experience, I have found Mr. Inouye to be a truly even-tempered guy who treats people with respect. He is a straight-shooter and a team player who gets things done.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Inouye will whole-heartily and competently support and actively participate in the Environmental Council proceedings and work with the Council to improve the State of Hawaii environmental programs and proceedings. I respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,



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From: Sen. Ron Menor
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 2:30 PM
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From: Bernie Sakoda [mailto:sakoda@hawaiiink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 1:29 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Ron Menor; Sen. Gary Hooser
Subject: scan0001.pdf - Adobe Reader

Dear Senators Menor and Hooser:

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, I respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming the nomination by the Governor of ROBERT T. INOUYE for a position on the Environmental Council, GM # 471. I have known Mr. Inouye for many years as a gentleman in every sense of the word. Our sons were in the Boy Scout program together and it was always a pleasure to participate in scouting activities with his family. This humble giant of a man is also very conscientious in his commitment to other community activities on the island.

I believe his attached resume speaks to his qualifications for the position that the Governor is nominating him for. His extensive background on environmental issues will allow him to be a contributing member to the Environmental Council.

I am honored to write on his behalf. Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Aloha,

Bernie Sakoda

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Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

March 18, 2008

Robert Inouye

Environmental Council

Chair Ron Menor, members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, thank you for this opportunity to present my background and qualifications for your consideration for confirmation to the Environmental Council.

I was born and raised on Oahu. I graduated from Kaimuki High School and Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

I worked at various sugar factories on Maui and Kauai. My work experiences included sugar production and power generation utilizing renewable fuel.

I was then employed in environmental engineering management concerning NEPA, cultural and natural resources issues.

A position on the Environmental Council would give me the opportunity to address a diverse range of ecological and environmental quality issues facing our State today and in the future. Although our State's land area is small compared to the rest of the nation, we possess a disproportionate number of threatened and endangered species found nowhere else, except in Hawaii. We must recognize that our resources are limited and that our environment is very fragile and we must do everything in our power to protect and sustain these resources before they are lost forever.

Our greatest challenge we face today is how do we grow our economy and protect and sustain our limited ecological resources and fragile environment.

If offered the opportunity to become a member of the Environmental Council, I can contribute greatly in addressing and resolving the issues that may be presented. My education, character traits, professional experience and personality give me the requirements to achieve success. I humbly ask your support of my nomination to the Environmental Council. Thank you.

GM 472



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**Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
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**Senate Committee on
Energy and Environment**

**April 3, 2008
2:45pm
Room 414
GM 472**

**Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council
Robert King**

Chair Menor and Vice Chair Hooser and members of the committee. I **support** Robert King's nomination to the Environmental Council. Mr. King has served on the council for the last four years and is presently the Chair.

During his term on the council, he has been active on the exemption, rules and legislative subcommittee. As president and founder of Pacific Biodiesel on Maui and Oahu, he has been expanded his company into other states.

He is respected in the recycling and business community. I heartily recommend him to the committee and know he will continue to be valued member of the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Genevieve Salmonson

testimony

From: Efwzwick@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 8:09 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Robert A. King-Reappointment to Enviornmental Council- Energy and Enviornment Comm

Chair Menor, Members of the Senate Energy and Enviornment Committee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Robert A. King. I have known Bob since I moved to Maui, three years ago. We have served as Directors and Officers of the Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance, a Maui based non-profit that is working to support sustainable renewable biofuels. This organization is receiving international recognition for its efforts.

In addition to his many commitments on behalf of Pacific Biodiesel, his primary business, Bob always finds time for volunteer work on behalf of non-profits, as well as State and local Commissions.

The State of Hawaii is most fortunate to have a gentlemen with Bob's qualifications and energy serve on the Enviornmental Council.

Edward F. Zwick
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Testimony submitted to the Senate
Energy and Environment Committee
Hearing on April 3, 2008
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GM 472 Environmental Council Confirmation of Robert King

Chair Menor, Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee:

Thank you for scheduling this confirmation hearing and considering my nomination for another term on the Environmental Council. I respectfully submit the following testimony for consideration during my confirmation hearing.

Current Service

I am the current Chair of the Environmental Council and a member of the Annual Report Committee and Administrative Rules Committee. During my first term on the Council, with the Rules Committee I assisted with a complete revision of HRS 343 sections 200 and 201 (waiting for public hearing). On the Annual Report Committee I worked with David Bylund to bring more relevant and clearly presented information to the Annual Report. As a Council we held meetings on the Ala Wai Canal road improvements, Turtle Bay Resort, Hawaii Superferry, Kukui Gardens acquisition, and many other projects.

Background

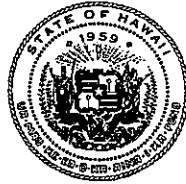
I was born in Oregon, went to high school in Northern California and college at California State University Chico with a major in Agricultural. In 1979 I moved to Maui and soon started a marine repair business. By the mid-80's I became the Cummins dealer for Maui County responsible for Marine and Power Generation sales and service. In 1996 I started Pacific Biodiesel Inc. on Maui and built one of the first biodiesel plants in the US and Pacific Rim. As president of Pacific Biodiesel, I oversee our operations in Hawaii, Oregon and Texas, as well as construction in the US and Asia. I am a founding member of the Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance and the Hawaii Ag Alliance.

Goals for the Environmental Council

The Council is at a transition point. Many realize that Chapter 343 is in need of overhaul to make our environmental protection real, transparent, and functional. The EC must update the Administrative Rules to keep current with new laws as well as incorporate useful ideas from the studies being conducted by UH and others. These changes should be made carefully as well as expeditiously. These changes may be systemic. Those of us on the Council will need to help guide the process, and take on additional responsibilities should they be deemed appropriate by the legislature.

I would be pleased to continue my work on the Environmental Council for one more term. I feel my contribution to the Council has been useful during my first term. With the experience gained to this point, I hope to contribute more to the Council during the next term. Thank you for your time and support.

GM 473



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Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office

FAX: 1-800-586-6659

April 2, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

April 2, 2008

Honorable Senator Ron Menor
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Menor and members:

**RE: Governor's Message #473 and Letter of Support for Mr. Wade Lord, Nominee,
Environmental Council**

On behalf of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this letter in SUPPORT of Mr. Wade Lord to the Environmental Council. The Kauai Chamber of Commerce represents over 450 members that comprise of 87% Kauai's small businesses.

I have had many opportunities to interact with Mr. Lord and have found him to be a person of high integrity and moral character. Wade has proven to be an excellent business and community leader who is involved in many aspects of Kauai at a critical time when our island needs a strong and sensible voice that brings a balanced and compassionate understanding of our Garden Island. His involvement in many community groups such as the Lihu'e Business Association, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Kauai, Kauai Visitors Bureau, and the Kauai Chamber of Commerce provide him excellent insight into issues, ideas and sentiments important to the community.

The chamber strongly supports Mr. Lord who will contribute to sensible and practical dialogue in helping the Council arrive at important and meaningful recommendations and decisions that will affect our island and state well into the future.

Aloha,

Randall Francisco
President

testimony

From: liz ronaldson [growinggreens@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 5:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Committee Enenergy & Enviro Apr 3rd

RE: Governor's Message number (473)

Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
Conference Room #414 / Thursday April 3rd
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Menor,

Mr. Wade Lord has been very active on the island of Kauai and I strongly SUPPORT him to serve a three year term on the Environmental Council, nominated by Governor Lingle.

Wade will represent Kauai in a special manner, as he is very professional in his work and enjoys helping others.

Sincerely,
Liz Ronaldson, President
Kauai County Farm Bureau

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Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 6:13 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Lord, Wade @ Lihue, HI
Subject: Testimony - Governor's Message 473

Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
 Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
 State Capitol, Room 208
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SUPPORT

My name is Tom Shigemoto and I hereby submit my whole hearted endorsement of Wade Lord as a member of the Environmental Council. I have known Wade for at least 20 years as a commercial developer, as a football coach, as a commercial properties manager, as an astute businessperson and as a concerned citizen. Wade understands the dynamics of how our environment, our natural resources and attributes and our visitor industry all interact to create economic harmony and in turn a vibrant and happy community. He has children so he has a stake in what happens to their natural surroundings yet providing a way to ensure a viable lifestyle too. We need that kind of balance that Wade can provide in serving on this most important Council. He is a devout Rotarian, which means he is also a provider of services for the needy, the disabled, the youth and the elderly. These services do not come free but are supported by the Rotarians themselves and the money they raise from businesses, corporations and foundations that all have a stake in our community.

Having served on a State Board myself, I understand the time commitments that these appointments demand. These volunteers have to sacrifice their families, their activities and their professions to serve the residents of our State. The Environmental Council is designed to ensure that we continue to enjoy the kind of lifestyle in the kind of rural setting that our predecessors lived. It is not an easy task because of the many conflicting ideologies that are incumbent in the term environment. I commend and respect those people who are committed and dedicated to this task. Wade Lord will do his best to ensure that this goal is accomplished. Thank you for your consideration of his appointment.

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Letter of recommendation for Wade Lord,
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Conference Room #414 State Capitol
Thursday, April 3, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

I support Wade Lord in his desire to serve on the Environmental Council for the state of Hawaii. I have known and worked with Wade for more than 10 years through the Kapaa Rotary Club. Whether in a role of leadership or simply a volunteer, Wade has always been present whenever important work needed to be done. He is a person one can count on.

His strong business background coupled with his interest in the visitor industry and his love of the environment make him an ideal candidate for the position he seeking.

You could not find a more qualified and enthusiastic representative than Wade Lord. He would be a valuable asset serving as a member of the Environmental Council.

Sincerely,

Martin Kahn

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March 31, 2008

Honorable Senator Ron Menor,
Chair,
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,
State Capitol, Room 208,
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Re: SUPPORT FOR WADE LORD

Dear Senator Menor,

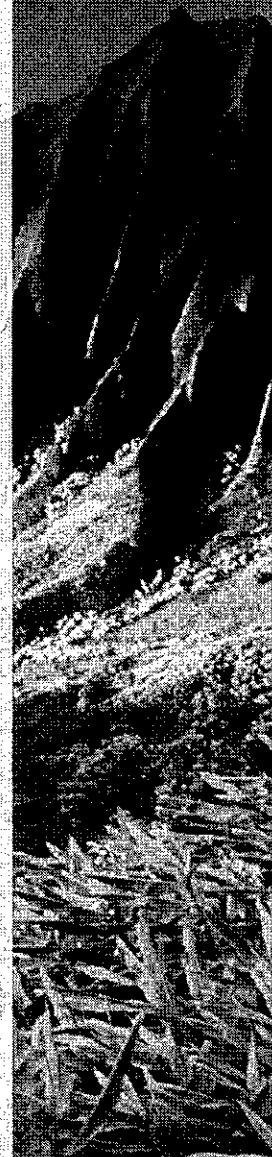
In reference to Governor's Message Number 473, I would like to add my support and whole heartedly recommend Wade Lord for this Environmental Council. Wade is a longtime citizen of Kauai and passionate about the quality of life on the island he lives on. Additionally, Mr. Lord is a veritable encyclopedia regarding commercial business and development on the island. He understands the key influencers in this business, and is in a position to understand the conglomerate impact of all the commercial business practices on the environment and on the island.

Mr. Lord is very committed to community service through his work with the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club as well as his involvement with the Island School, Kauai's top private school.

I would be quite pleased to know that someone as knowledgeable and committed to Kauai is serving our state and our county through his involvement on the Governor's Environmental Council.

Sincerely,

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April 2, 2008

VIA E-MAIL

Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message Number 473
Nomination of Wade Lord to the Environmental Council

Dear Chair Menor and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Wade Lord's nomination to the Environmental Council.

I have known Wade and worked with him for a number of years on commercial properties for which he served as property manager and our firm served as legal counsel. Wade has always struck me as someone who is very intelligent, hard-working, reasonable, fair and practical. He would definitely be an asset to the Council with the combination of his business background and experience and his dedication to preserving the environment for present and future generations. Wade has also been very generous in contributing his time and energies to other community service organizations.

On this basis, I unconditionally support Wade Lord for this appointment and would urge you and your colleagues to confirm him at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my views.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol
Room 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sir:

Re: Governor's Message 473- Wade Lord – Environmental Council Nominee

I am writing this letter to voice my support for Wade Lord as a member of the Environmental Council of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Lord personally and professionally for eight years and I find him to be honest, ethical and fair. Additionally, Mr. Lord is uniquely qualified for this position as a long time leader in the community, a leader in the Hawaii Visitor industry, his work in the Rotary Club of Kauai and his well known love of the environment.

If confirmed we can expect Mr. Lord to serve on the council with dignity and intelligence while keeping the interests of the people of Hawaii foremost in his mind.

I strongly urge you to vote to confirm Wade Lord to the Environmental Council.

Sincerely,

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Joseph T. Haas

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April 2, 2008

Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 473
Support of Wade Lord for Environmental Council

Aloha Honorable Senator Menor and Committee

I was delighted to hear that Wade Lord was nominated by Governor Lingle to serve a three year term on the Environmental Council. Wade will be a great asset and therefore I strongly encourage your support in confirming his nomination.

I've known Wade professionally and personally for over 10 years. He is a visionary, as well as highly focused, and dedicated to the community. I've seen him in action.

- Rotary Club of Kapaa – I was a board member of the Rotary Club of Kapaa when Wade was the President. He was great to work because of his superior leadership and exceptional decision making process.
- Island School - We are both board members of Island School and he is the current chair of the 2008 Island School Annual Gala Auction, the major fundraiser and provider of tuition grants for students in need of financial assistance.

Wade is also involved with other organizations and you will no doubt receive more testimonies attesting to his character and professionalism.

As a personal friend I know Wade's character and his respect for the environment will make him a perfect candidate. I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Phil Fudge [pfudge@hisemail.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:55 AM
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Cc: Wade Lord
Subject: Support of Wade Lord for a position on the Environmental Council

**SUPPORT
of Wade Lord
for Environmental Council
Governor's Message 473**

Hearing to be held in Conference rm. no. 414 at the State Capital, on Thursday, April 3rd

Honorable Senator Ron Menor
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chairperson Menor and Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Wade Lord for a position on the Environmental Council.

My experience observing Wade's commitment to the community spans well over a decade and is evident in the many organizations he devotes his time. Perhaps the most apparent to me was during his term as president of the Rotary Club of Kapaa where he demonstrated superior leadership skills and exceptional decision making processes.

This same skill set is observed in his other activities such as president of the Kauai chapter of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau and I have no doubt that they would be invaluable to the Environmental Council.

As a personal friend I know Wade's character and his respect for the environment makes him the perfect candidate.

I pledge my support for Wade as a member of the Environmental Council.

Sincerely,

Phil Fudge

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April 1, 2007

Hon. Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State of Hawaii Capitol
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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SUPPORT – WADE LORD (Governor’s Message 473)
Environmental Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been my privilege to work with Wade Lord for over 3 years. My enthusiastic support of Mr. Lord’s nomination to the Environmental Council is, however, as a registered voter, full-time resident and citizen of the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Lord skills as an administrator and executive are well known. He is knowledgeable and informed and keeps current. He is more than qualified for the Environmental Council. Mr. Lord also gives back to the community ohana both professionally and personally. Most importantly, his ethics and integrity are absolutely beyond reproach.

It is my honor to unequivocally recommend Mr. Lord and strongly urge the Committee’s approval of his nomination. His presence on the Council will be an asset to the both the government and citizens of the State in the management and preservation of the Hawaii environment.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Honorable Senator Ron Menor Chair
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My name is John Halliday and I have been a long time resident of the Island of Kauai. I would like to submit my total support for the endorsement of Wade Lord, to serve as a member of the Environmental Council. Rarely have I experienced a more capable and willing individual in my long business career, who is better suited for this important position within the Hawaiian community. Wade has proven to friends and associates throughout Hawaii, over the past many years, that his dedication and leadership is truly a blessing and he continues to give unselfishly to the common cause throughout Hawaii. His long standing relationship with the Rotary Club in Kauai, has placed him at the top of the list of committed citizens who strive for excellence in serving the people of Hawaii. This role as a leader with the Rotary Club has prepared him well for larger responsibilities state wide. He also serves on School Boards in Kauai and his dedication to raising funds for continuing education is exemplary. In addition, Wade possesses a keen business mind demonstrated by his ability to manage major commercial properties on the Island of Kauai. Wade's family has become the cornerstone of his life and he continues to find time to serve the interests of the Hawaiian community. His love of the Environment in Hawaii is evident through the many public projects he participates in with his two wonderful children. Wade is not only eminently qualified for the position, but is committed to making Hawaii a model for the entire country relating to Environmental issues. It is his intense desire to make Hawaii a better place to live, that will motivate him to be successful in this important State Roll. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I strongly endorse Wade Lord for a position on the Environmental Council.

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April 2, 2008

To whom it may concern:

RE: Wade Lord
Confirmation to the Environmental Council

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Wade Lord to the Environmental Council.

As a longtime resident of Kauai, Wade brings an extensive business background, knowledge of and participation in the visitor industry, and a love of the environment that defines Hawaii.

I have served with Wade on a number of boards of directors and have been impressed with his attention to detail, his willingness to weigh all facts before making a decision, and his ability to work well with various personalities.

Wade's combination of talents will make him a strong member of the council.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Honorable Chairman, Ron Menor
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Re: Personal Statement of Interest (GM 473)

Dear Honorable Chairman and Committee Members:

I ask for your confirmation as a member to the Environmental Council, for a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

I believe that I can be an asset to the Environmental Council. My background in the commercial real estate business over the past 20 years has taught me many lessons that I will apply to my position with the council. My experience in real estate development has been focused in the field of redevelopment, which is the reuse and renewal of facilities on Brownfield lands. This practice is in line with our limited lands available for urbanization in Hawaii. Further, I have instituted many sustainable initiatives in the properties that I have helped to redevelop. I believe that I am in a position to make a positive effect on these properties for the benefit of those who frequent them.

As the current Chairman of the Kauai Visitors Bureau (KVB) for 2007-2008 and board member of the Hawaii Conventions & Visitors Bureau (HVCB), I bring the perspective of the visitor industry to this opportunity. One of the primary values statements of the KVB is that we must, as an industry and as a community, help to steward the lands, as the environment is one of the primary reasons that guests visit our state.

Finally, as a life-long avid sportsman, I have enjoyed the environment from the user perspective. Having grown up diving, fishing, and participating a

variety of sports, I know how critical it is that we protect and use the environment in ways to impact them as little as possible so that Hawaii can be enjoyed by all generations to come.

If confirmed, I will apply my business experience and industry perspective that has been shaped by my personal experiences, to be fair and balanced as a member of the Environmental Council. Thank you for your consideration of my statement of interest.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade Lord". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wade Lord

GM 474



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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council,
Gubernatorial Nominees**

GM 472 – ROBERT A. KING
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2012

GM 473 – WADE L. LORD
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2011

GM 474 - CHRISTOPHER B. STEELE
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2011

Testimony of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Interim Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
Room 414

1 The Department of Health strongly supports the appointments of Mr. Robert King, Mr.
2 Wade Lord, and Mr. Christopher Steele to the Environmental Council.

3 Mr. King has served on the Council for over three years and served as Chairman for the
4 last six months. He is a member of the Annual Report and Rules Committees. He represents
5 engineering interests and is from Maui.

6 Mr. Lord has served on the Council as an interim member for the last six months
7 representing Real Estate interests and is from Kauai. During this time, Mr. Lord has been
8 involved with the Legislation and Education/Cultural Committees.

1 Mr. Steele has served on the Council as an interim member for the last six months,
2 represents environmental compliance, and is from Oahu. During this time, he has been involved
3 with the Exemption List Committee.

4 All of their combined experience will help the Council's efforts to educate the public
5 about environmental and cultural issues in Hawaii.

6 Members of the Council represent education, business, and environmental disciplines and
7 professions such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering,
8 public health, planning, agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction, media, and
9 community and environmental groups.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

To whom it may concern,

Chris Steele is one of the most enthusiastic and passionate individuals I have ever met. Chris is committed to making change and demonstrates strong interpersonal skills. He has many talents and I am happy that he is dedicated to working with a variety of partners, including the West Coast Collaborative and the Hawaii American Lung Association. As part of my professional job, I have worked on several projects with Chris and he is always very helpful and a pleasure to work with.

Sincerely,
Asia Yeary
EPA Region 9

**Senate Committee On
Energy and Environment
April 3, 2008
2:45pm
Room 414
GM474**

**Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council
Christopher Steele**

Chair Menor and Vice Chair Hooser and members of the committee. I **support** Christopher Steele's nomination to the Environmental Council. I have known Christopher Steele a number of years, and it is with great pleasure that I recommend him for the position for the Environmental Council.

During my term as Director of the Office of Environmental Control, I worked with him for Grace Pacific to actively use recycled glass for the projects. Chris and I are on the General Contractor Association environmental committee and we meet once a month. The committee works with state, county and contractors as to best management practice on projects to protect the environment.

He is respected and has the admiration of everyone who comes in contact with him. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that he will be a valuable asset to the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Genevieve Salmonson

SUPPORT

4/1/2008

Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Reference: Governor's Message 474

TESTIMONY FROM Chester I. Saito

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to address the Board this afternoon.

My name is Chester Saito. I currently serve on the Environmental Council.

It is my honor to support the appointment of Mr. Christopher Steele to the Environmental Council.

I have known Mr. Steele personally and professionally for the past ten years. Since 1997, we both have been members of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii Environmental Committee that meet once a month to conduct business that address programs to minimize the impact on the environment associated with construction. We've been classmates on many environmental training courses.

Based on my association with Mr. Steele, I can say without a doubt that he will be a valuable member of the Environmental Council as he is dedicated and passionate about protecting the welfare of our people and the aina.

Mahalo for allowing me to present this testimony in support of Christopher Steele's appointment to the Environmental Council.



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March 31, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter recognizes Christopher Steele with Grace Pacific Corporation in Kapolei, Hawaii for his service on the Environmental Network Steering Committee of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). This Steering Committee oversees AGC's Environmental Network that includes all of the AGC members and chapter professionals who have expressed a specific interest in environmental issues.

The Environmental Network Steering Committee helps AGC identify and meet its members' immediate needs for environmental advocacy, information, and assistance. It also develops recommendations for AGC action on any environmental issues that AGC, as a whole, should address. The Steering Committee Members have direct access to federal regulatory officials, influence over AGC's environmental agenda, and a means to exchange valuable information with one another and industry peers.

Mr. Steele was appointed to the Steering Committee in March 2007 by AGC's leadership to serve a three-year term. We have been very pleased to have his participation, and he brings his enthusiasm and commitment to environmental excellence to all Steering Committee activities. Attached for your reference is an article from *AGC's Environmental Observer* newsletter that presents recent environmental achievements of Grace Pacific Corporation, many of which Mr. Steele has championed at his firm.

Regards,

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To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

For: GM 474
Hearing scheduled for April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 414

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF CHRISTOPHER B. STEELE TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Chair Menor, Vice Chair Hooser and Committee Members:

The American Lung Association of Hawaii supports the appointment of Christopher Steele to the Hawaii Environmental Council. Mr. Steele is the Manager of Environmental Compliance at Grace Pacific Corporation.

Mr. Steele displays an enthusiastic interest in developing innovative partnerships to improve the environment. Because of his interest, the American Lung Association of Hawaii worked with him on a successful Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant proposal to retrofit diesel engines making them less polluting.

Mr. Steele will bring his perspective to the Environmental Council.

Respectively submitted,

Jean Evans, MPH
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American Lung Association of Hawaii



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March 31, 2008

The Honorable Senator Ron Menor
Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Room 208
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RE: Governor's Message 474, SUPPORT NOMINATION OF CHRIS STEELE

Hon. Senator Menor:

On behalf of the Rubber Pavements Association (RPA), an international, non-profit trade association dedicated to the use of recycled tire rubber in asphalt pavements, I strongly support and recommend the confirmation of Mr. Chris Steele to the Governor's Environmental Counsel.

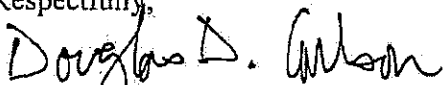
Chris has demonstrated leadership in the asphalt construction industry through his constant dedication and devotion to environmental issues. At every opportunity, he focuses our association's attention on environmental issues and how members of the industry can work together to provide clean and sustainable solutions by working smarter, not harder. Chris has shared his wisdom with the RPA by putting the environment first in our problem solving processes. He has great consensus building skills with an equal share of directness and tactfulness to keep members involved and on topic.

One goal of Chris's is to create a closed loop system in Hawaii where scrap tires are locally processed into high value crumb rubber material suitable for use in Hawaii's roads to provide safer, quieter and durable asphalt surfaces. His initiative brought the RPA to Hawaii in 2007 and together we are working on standardizing asphalt-rubber material in the Department of Transportation's standard specification.

Fortunately, Chris has the balance of patience and drive it takes to partner with all of the parties needed to educate and demonstrate sustainable technologies. When the noise reducing properties of asphalt-rubber friction courses on the aged concrete pavements on Hawaii's freeways are finally realized, it will be because of Chris Steele.

I strongly recommend the inclusion of Mr. Chris Steele to the Governor's Environmental Counsel as an environmentally conscious member of industry.

Respectfully,


Douglas B. Carlson
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Attention: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Chair Ron Menor, Vice Chair Gary Hooser, and Committee Members

Subject: Testimony of Howard B. West in Support of G.M. 474 (Mr. Christopher Steele), Confirmation to Environmental Council.

Reference: Public Hearing, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 414.

Senate Committee:

I am the Executive Vice President and a principal of Environmental Science International, Inc., and have worked closely with Christopher (Chris) Steele since his appointment in 2001 as Environmental Compliance Manager of Grace Pacific Corporation. During the years that he and I have worked together, I have had the opportunity to watch his growth as an environmental professional and as a person. I believe that Chris is an impassioned and committed advocate of environmental stewardship. He has been instrumental in paving the way for implementation of an Environmental Management System at Grace Pacific Corporation and has helped elevate that company's environmental consciousness. It is my opinion that Grace Pacific Corporation is the environmental leader among Hawaii's large industrial businesses. Chris has played a large role in making that happen. Accordingly, I would like to express my personal support for Chris to become a member of the Environmental Council.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard West". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Howard B. West, Ph.D.
Principal and Executive Vice President
Environmental Science International, Inc.

March 31, 2008

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
Chair Ron Menor, Vice Chair Gary Hooser, and Committee Members
Public Hearing, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m. Conference Room 414

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
IN SUPPORT OF G.M. 474
CONFIRMATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

My name is William Anonsen and I am the Principal for Maritime Consultants of the Pacific, in addition to leadership positions on several industry trade associations and community civic organizations. I would like to express my personal support for the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Christopher B. Steele to the Environmental Council for a term to expire June 30, 2011. Regrettably I could not personally testify before the committee.

Through my association with his employer Grace Pacific Corporation, I have found him to be a dedicated individual who performs his professional and civic responsibilities with a sense of commitment and pride. Mr. Christopher Steele has many characteristics necessary to make him an outstanding member of the Environmental Council, but I will mention a few that stand out. Mr. Steele is a leader and team player who works well with all people. He has demonstrated on several occasions his ability to remain committed to his principles, always with a sense of ethics and diplomacy in times of heated conflicting opposition. I have found him to carefully consider difficult topics, and through a structured investigative process and mind set, he develops well-considered decisions to address and resolve an issue. Most important, he stands by his principles, strongly defending them skillfully and with respectful tact.

I believe Mr. Steele is well qualified and that by confirming his appointment from its current interim status to a full member, it will lend a much needed balance on the commission with representation of the construction component of the state's business network.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this Gubernatorial Nominee.

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen
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testimony

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March 31, 2008

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I strongly recommend the inclusion of Mr. Chris Steele to the Governor's Environmental Counsel as an environmentally conscious member of industry.

Respectfully,

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March 31, 2008

The Honorable Senator Ron Menor
Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Governor's Message 474, SUPPORT NOMINATION OF CHRIS STEELE

Hon. Senator Menor:

On behalf of the Rubber Pavements Association (RPA), an international, non-profit trade association dedicated to the use of recycled tire rubber in asphalt pavements, I strongly support and recommend the confirmation of Mr. Chris Steele to the Governor's Environmental Counsel.

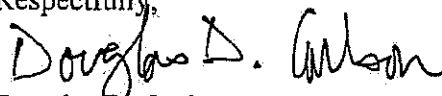
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Respectfully,


Douglas B. Carlson
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Statement of
Erik Kvam
Chief Executive Officer, Zero Emissions Leasing LLC
before the
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Thursday April 3, 2008
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

IN SUPPORT OF
Governor's Message 474
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Environmental Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **Christopher B. Steele**, for a term to expire 6-30-2011

Chair Menor, Vice Chair Hooser, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Christopher B. Steele to the Environmental Council.

Christopher Steele has an exemplary record of environmental achievement as Environmental Affairs Manager for Grace Pacific, as a president and director of the Campbell Local Emergency Action Network (CLEAN) and as a director of the Hawaii Association of Environment Professionals. I can attest personally to Chris's deep concern and commitment to protect the quality of Hawaii's environment. The State of Hawaii could not find a more qualified person than Christopher Steele to serve on the Environmental Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter.

Respectfully,

Erik Kvam



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Hawaii State Senate

Gentlemen,

I am CEO of an emerging company in Seattle, WA, specializing in the development of products for noise mitigation all over our country.

Chris Steele, Environmental Manager of Grace Pacific Corporation, in your state of Hawaii has impressed me tremendously by his intelligence and passion in pursuing real solutions to environmental problems. His regard for the indigenous people of Hawaii, their dual concerns of livability in their neighborhoods and preservation of their culture, balanced against the demands for commerce and jobs is a refreshing change from purely political posturing.

We work with noise. Solutions that don't reduce noise but simply delay resolution are not much use. The noise is still there. Chris has the courage and foresight to see that the seeking of real solutions is useful and valuable.

To accomplish this type of effort requires a team approach. Chris is both an original thinker and a team player. He will help preserve the environment for Hawaiians without destroying the business climate both within and outside the islands

We are currently dealing with Seismic Exploration Noise problems in Alaska as well as noise problems here in Seattle and Hawaii. The noise levels in the Beaufort Sea during oil exploration are very high and if unchecked could destroy one of the world's major fisheries. The Alaska Native Groups need the revenue from the oil but also want preservation of the fishery. We would never hesitate to ask Chris his advice on these things.

So I recommend using him to best advantage while you have him in Hawaii. His combination of intelligence and passion is rare, I feel lucky to know him.

Jack Starbird/CEO

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Christopher Steele
Grace Pacific Corporation

Re: Nomination of Christopher Steele to the Hawaii Governors Environmental Council

To whom it may concern;

I can imagine no better person than Christopher Steele to serve on the Hawaii Governors Environmental Council. Mr. Steele's leadership in promoting environmental stewardship in the construction industry is nationally recognized. Similarly, I am certain he will continue his efforts to promote the best environmental interests of Hawaii in a balanced and thoughtful manner if confirmed to serve on this council.

I became acquainted with Christopher Steele in early 2005 due to our mutual interest in protecting our nation's water resources through the promotion of voluntary construction industry compliance with the NPDES construction stormwater regulations. Mr. Steele was first introduced to me by Mr. Peter Truitt of the EPA's Sector Strategies Division of OECA Headquarters in Washington DC because Mr. Truitt knew we shared very similar beliefs about the role industry could and should play in improving water quality through voluntary compliance improvement programs.

Since the fall of 2006 Mr. Steele and I have been working with the Associated General Contractors trade associations and others in Hawaii, Colorado and at the national level to promote the expansion of voluntary participation programs modeled after the successful Colorado Stormwater Excellence Program (CSEP). The CSEP has been working effectively to improve industry compliance in Colorado since late 2004. Over the last few years, as we worked together to promote a similar voluntary regulatory compliance program in Hawaii, I have come to know firsthand of Mr. Steele's passion and enthusiasm for affecting positive environmental changes in his native state.

Christopher Steele is already very influential and well-respected in the construction industry as a leader who is able to work well with diverse stakeholders to achieve common goals in innovative and cost-effective ways. I am honored to be working with Mr. Steele and look forward to being able to affect even greater positive change in our industries' environmental stewardship with his help and leadership.

Christopher Steele will undoubtedly continue to serve well the environmental interest of the people of the State of Hawaii in any capacity he can, as he has done for many years, but the people of Hawaii could realize the greatest benefits by utilizing his unique knowledge of industry combined with his passion for environmental stewardship on this important council.

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Morrell, Jeff [Jeff.Morrell@lfr.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 8:01 AM
To: testimony
Cc: CSteele@gracepacificcorp.com
Subject: Testimony Supporting Confirmation of CHRISTOPHER B. STEELE

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Testimony Supporting Confirmation of CHRISTOPHER B. STEELE

As the principal engineer and operations manager of LFR, Inc. a local engineering and environmental consulting company, I have had the privilege to work with Chris Steele for the past three years. I particularly appreciate Chris's dedication to ensuring that his company acts as a responsible corporate citizen complying with the myriad state and federal environmental and safety regulations while remaining strong and prosperous. Under Chris's leadership, Grace Pacific has progressed beyond compliance to embrace initiatives such as the vehicle idling reduction program which is having a significant impact on local air quality while also providing fuel savings and energy efficiency improvements.

Chris works tirelessly to inform and educate his co-workers on the impacts of their decisions, as well as their responsibilities to help protect the environment in Hawaii. He has been deeply involved in bringing together investors, businesses, and technical professionals to promote and develop sustainable energy and beneficial re-use projects. As a business leader, Chris has always treated LFR fairly and honestly, demonstrating the highest levels of integrity in carrying out his responsibilities.

I believe that Chris will be an excellent addition and strong contributor to the Hawaii Governors Environmental Counsel, and I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey C. Morrell, P.E.
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March 31, 2008

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Chris Steele.

To all it may concern,

I have known Chris Steele for approximately 11 years and have worked closely with him for the past 5 years. During this time, I have had the honor to work with someone that genuinely cares about the environment. Chris is constantly striving to be on the cutting edge of technology in regard to the reduction of emissions and environmental impact from Grace Pacific. Some examples are:

Chris secured a grant from the EPA to replace older diesel engines with the newest low emission diesel engines. This pro-active change has lessened Grace Pacific's environmental impact on the Big Island, Kauai and Oahu.

Chris also secured a grant from Chevron to retrofit Grace Pacific's diesel fleet with emission reduction catalysts and filters. This is another pro-active change that will lessen Grace Pacific's environmental impact on Oahu.

Chris has surrounded the Grace Pacific Makakilo Quarry with state of the art dust monitoring analyzers and weather stations in an effort to better understand and control emissions coming from the quarry and surrounding areas. This information has been invaluable with respect to helping clarify a cloudy issue of dust culpability in the Makakilo area.

As the Manager of Environmental Compliance for Grace Pacific, Chris has been exposed to and fully understands all areas of environmental compliance. Air quality, water quality, storm water run-off and permitting and risk assessment just to name a few. Chris Steele is an excellent candidate for the Hawaii Governors Environmental Counsel because he is thoughtful, intelligent and he cares about Hawaii and the environment.

I highly recommend the confirmation of Chris Steele to the Hawaii Governors Environmental Counsel.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Johnson

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March 28, 2008

Governor Linda Lingle
State of Hawaii Senate

I hereby submit this letter of recommendation for *Mr. Chris Steele* to serve on the Governor's Environmental Council.

As a coworker, Mr. Steele has demonstrated his capacity as a manager for Grace Pacific Corporation's Lead man on Environmental Compliance at all of our properties throughout the Hawaiian islands. Chris is proactive in all phases of environmental issues and concerns. Chris has also played a key role in educating our managers and qualifying our company in partnering with the EPA and American Lung Association. Chris also got us teamed up with the Hawaii Clean Air Partnership Diesel Retrofit Program.

As a friend, I know Chris Steele will do excellent for our Hawaii. I know, because I am Hawaiian. Please consider Chris Steele's appointment.

You may reach me at 808-960-4656.

Mahalo,

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Re: CHRISTOPHER B. STEELE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Christopher B. Steele in both personal and professional contexts for more than a year. In that time, I have met with him in my office and his, have corresponded with him, and have had the privilege of meeting his wife and children.

In my opinion, Mr. Steele is a man of integrity and vision, and he demonstrates a sincere aloha for our State and our community. I recommend Mr. Steele without reservation or qualification. He is trustworthy and a man of his word.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

Scott A. Makuakane
Counselor at Law

Gerald Takayesu, P.E.
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April 1, 2008

Honorable Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on energy and Environment
State Capitol Building, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Reference: Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nomination
Chrisopher Steele to the State Environmental Council,
Department of Health (Governor's Message 474)

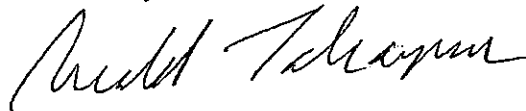
Dear Senator Menor:

I am writing in support of Mr. Chrisopher Steele's nomination to the Hawaii Governors Environmental Council. I have, as a member of the General Contractors Association Environmental Committee, had the opportunity to work with the nominee over the past year.

As Chair of the Environmental Committee, Mr. Steele provided support to many initiatives, including an excellent workshop to promote best management practices on construction sites.

He would make a fine addition to the Council.

Sincerely,



Gerald Takayesu, P.E.

March 28, 2008

Subject: Reference Letter for Mr. Christopher Steele

To whom it may concerns:

I have had the honor to work with Mr. Chris Steele for the past 2.5 years. Chris has been my mentor, my peer, and a sounding voice in my work as an air consultant. What is amazing about Chris is his passion and courage to better the Hawaii environment.

Chris continuously makes extra efforts to find ways to improve the environment, including air quality, storm water, soil, and everything you can think of related to the environment and culture in Hawaii. Chris' love for Hawaii has brought him the passion and spirit that is difficult to find nowadays.

Chris is also equipped with years of experience as an environmental compliance manager for the largest asphalt manufacturing company in the island. These years of experience have brought him plenty of environmental knowledge to share. With his experience, knowledge, passion, and spirit, he is no doubt a valuable asset for the State of Hawaii.

Feel free to contact me if you have any question regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myrna Tand', with a horizontal line underneath.

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From: chris steele [chris_steele60@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:21 AM
To: Sen. Ron Menor; Sen. Ron Menor
Subject: Fw: Environmental Counsel

Aloha Kimberly,

Got your phone message this morning and am honored to respond to Senator Ron Menor's request regarding my interest on being a member on the Environmental Counsel. The following are just a few reasons why I'm deeply passionate regarding the environment and primary reasons for wanting to be on the commission.

I was born in the state of Hawaii on the island of Oahu in Kahuku and raised in Kailua. My father's influence and passion for Hawaiian culture and it's language influenced my belief that environmental sustainability was important to the survival of our islands. I am a active and concerned American citizen in the state of Hawaii. I care about our land as an environmental Specialist. I would like to be a part of making a difference in our state toward the growth and betterment of our quality of life in today's society that will effect future generations. As a environmental specialist in private industry this has given me a unique insight into how important partnerships can work together to make a difference in sustaining Hawaii's environment and culture.

My belief is for stronger partnerships with government and private industry, the regulating community, community interest groups that must work with each other toward a common goal to protect our land, water and air. Protecting the limited resources, having respect for the aina in balance with industry growth in our unique culture I feel should be based upon what's best for the greater good.

Current projects: Diesel Emission Reduction; Storm water run off; Hawaii Green built & leed; Recycle, Renewable & Reusable Energy; Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Accountability; Greater use of alternate energy resources. These are project's I'm involved in currently.

I hope this will help in your deciding in confirming my place on the commission. I would be happy to provide more information if needed. I would also look froward to meeting with the Senator to chat about our common goals.

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■ Grace Pacific Corporation Demonstrates Leadership in Addressing Key Environmental Concerns

AGC member company, Grace Pacific Corporation, is focused on pollution prevention and has taken on the challenges of implementing an environmental management system, reducing pollution emitted from its fleet of diesel equipment, and exceeding the storm water compliance permit requirements. Through these ongoing efforts, GPC continues to illustrate the positive impact one construction company can have on its community.

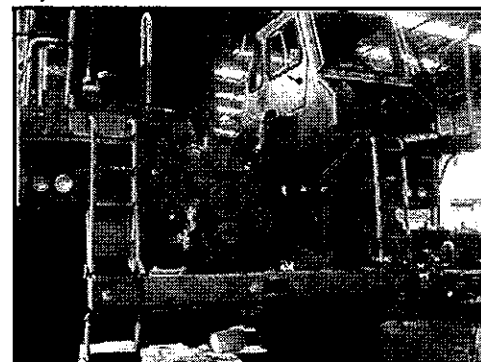
When GPC began operations at its Makakilo Quarry and Asphalt Plant, the facility was surrounded by agricultural and conservation land. Since that time, development around the City of Kapolei, the "Second City" on the island of Oahu, has literally sprung up around GPC's Makakilo facility. With housing developments now located next door to the asphalt plant, GPC has learned to appreciate the importance of being a good neighbor. At the same time, GPC's environmental focus has shifted from that of environmental compliance to one of pollution prevention and continuous improvement.



industry—can use to stay on top of its environmental responsibilities. From the start, the biggest challenge was to get the buy-in from all members of management personnel. "Trying to change the corporate culture of a 75-year old company isn't easy...Some people think that the EMS is a big, spectacular change, but in reality the change comes quietly and unannounced, but only after lots of hard work," said Chris Steele, GPC's manager of environmental compliance. Despite the challenges, GPC continues to implement its EMS and has already realized some of the benefits resulting from better addressing environmental concerns.

In the process of identifying the environmental aspects of construction operations for inclusion in their company-specific EMS, GPC decided to address some of the company's concerns associated with emissions from diesel equipment. GPC has since launched a number of projects to reduce diesel emissions.

Repower and Retrofit to Reduce Emissions



GPC replaced the engine in this rock truck.

In partnership with the American Lung Association of Hawaii, GPC received a grant in 2005 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) West Coast Collaborative to replace two generators and three engines in its quarry vehicles with Tier 1 and Tier 2 engines. Replacing the engines proved to be a big learning experience for GPC as well as the local Caterpillar (CAT) dealer, as the job required an extensive refit to satisfy the engine mounting and cooling requirements. GPC expects the

engine replacements to be complete in December 2007.

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GPC is conducting emissions tests to verify the reductions seen with the new equipment, and initial results indicate that NOx emissions have been reduced by about 20 percent in the new generators. The efficiency of the new generators has reduced fuel costs considerably. As an added bonus, the new generators are so quiet, they can operate longer hours than before without receiving noise complaints.



GPC tests one of its quarry trucks to determine actual air emissions.

GPC is also planning to retrofit the exhaust systems on most of its heavy-duty diesel equipment to further reduce emissions. With nearly 50 pieces of equipment targeted for diesel retrofits, GPC is poised to be the first company in Hawaii to tackle a large scale retrofit project in its rolling stock. GPC has been working closely with the City and County of Honolulu and the State Department of Education to assist them with

upcoming retrofit projects as well.

Idle Reduction Saves Money

When GPC decided to outfit its haul fleet with a vehicle tracking system, Steele identified a system that also monitors equipment idling. Now, GPC can accurately track the amount of time each truck stands at idle in order to measure the effectiveness of its idle reduction program. The cost savings from reducing idle time goes directly into the bottom line by reducing fuel consumption and engine wear. GPC is also in the process of developing an educational video on idle reduction that GPC will require its employees to view.

Other GPC Initiatives



GPC installed this blue smoke removal system at its Makakilo Asphalt Plant.

GPC's environmental projects are not limited to its Makakilo facility. They have recently installed blue smoke elimination systems on all three asphalt plants located on Oahu. In addition, GPC is involved in an EPA-sponsored partnership that will investigate the use of locally viable crops as a feedstock for biodiesel production. These projects will help to improve air quality in Hawaii and identify sustainable sources of

biofuel within the state.

No Good Deed Goes Unnoticed

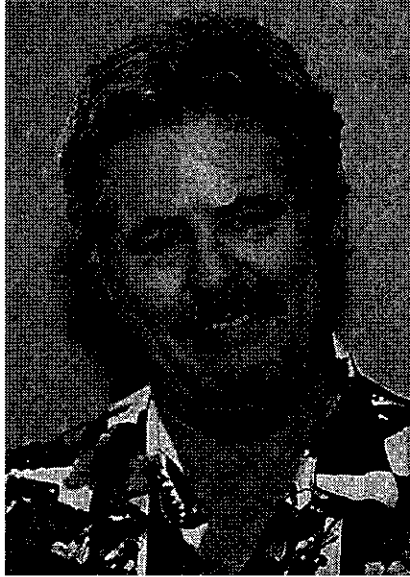
The leading role that GPC has played in reducing the environmental impacts of its operations has been recognized on several occasions. In 2005 and in 2007, GPC won the KOA Award for the Environment, presented by the City of Kapolei. In 2006, GPC was pleased to accept the EPA Environmental Achievement Award. That same year, GPC also won the General Contractors Association Build Hawaii Environmental Award of Excellence. The environmental awards that GPC has earned are more than just an opportunity to stand in the spotlight. According to Steele, "environmental agencies are always handing out violations and fines, but the awards are an opportunity to recognize the companies that do the right thing, and inspire other companies to step up to the plate."

Storm Water Excellence

What's next on the agenda for GPC? Storm water management. In 2006, Steele learned of the Colorado Storm Water Excellence Program [CSEP]. This innovative program provides member companies with useful, EMS-based tools for storm water compliance at construction sites. It reduces the permitting and inspection burden on state agencies, while increasing storm water compliance within the construction industry. According to Steele, GPC wants to "take contractors to a new level of compliance and responsibility in improving storm water discharges from our construction projects." In support of this goal, GPC has laid the groundwork for establishing a

Hawaii Storm Water Excellence Program and is actively pursuing funds to begin the initial phase of the program.

Article written by Chris Steele, Grace Pacific Corporation.



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March 22, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for James Sullivan
Regarding GM No. 476 Nomination to the Environmental Council

Dear Senator Menor,

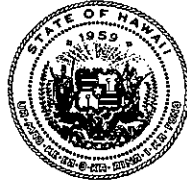
It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation for Mr. James Sullivan's nomination to the Office of Environmental Quality Control's citizen advisory board. As the Sustainability Coordinator for Actus Lend Lease, Mr. Sullivan has taken the lead on matters concerning building green, sensitivity to site ecology and environmental quality in matters of design, engineering and construction in the State of Hawaii.

In the numerous training sessions that our office has coordinated, Mr. Sullivan has generously dedicated the time and energy to participating in the sessions. His 15 years of experience on construction projects in Hawaii makes him well-qualified to present information on the approach that Actus is taking in the area of green developments in Hawaii. Actus Lend Lease is truly leading the way with energy efficient and green building in Hawaii and the world.

As a LEED accredited professional and mechanical engineer, Mr. Sullivan is highly qualified and has also participated in many national and local conferences on green building. He is able to make a difference by setting a good example and leading the way toward greener buildings and large scale developments in the State of Hawaii. With his broad and highly qualified experience and background, he will be a very valuable member of the OEQC's advisory board. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Gail Suzuki-Jones
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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Environmental Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee,**

**GM 475, James R. Sullivan
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2008**

**GM 476, James R. Sullivan
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2012**

**Testimony of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Interim Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

**Thursday, April 3, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
Room 414**

1 The Department of Health strongly supports the appointment of Mr. James Sullivan. His
2 background in engineering, sustainability and other green building initiatives coordinator for
3 Actus Lend Lease, a leader in public/private community development, will help the Council's
4 efforts to educate the public about environmental and cultural issues in Hawaii.

5 Members of the Council represent education, business, and environmental disciplines and
6 professions such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering,
7 public health, planning, agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction, media, and
8 community and environmental groups.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Senator Ron Menor
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for James Sullivan
Regarding GM No. 476 Nomination to the Environmental Council

Dear Senator Menor,

It is with great pleasure that I offer this letter of recommendation for Mr. James Sullivan's nomination to the State Environmental Council. As his direct supervisor, I wholeheartedly support his participation on the Environmental Council and can attest to his passion concerning the environment and sustainability in general. As Actus' Sustainability Coordinator, James has utilized his technical background in engineering and construction to support Actus Lend Lease's aspiration to be a sustainable organization socially, economically and environmentally.

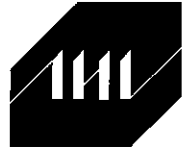
James was Actus Lend Lease's first LEED accredited professional and has demonstrated a proactive enthusiasm for green building. His passion has taken him to participate in national and local conferences that build upon his core competencies. I am confident that James will take this same enthusiasm to the Environmental Council and will carry out his duties with conviction, impartiality and professionalism.

I truly believe James will be a valuable asset to the Environmental Council and will provide a worthy service to the State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,


Bennette Misalucha Evangelista
Vice President & Regional Director
Government & Community Relations
Actus Lend Lease

March 25, 2008



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The Honorable Ron Menor
State Senator
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu HI 96813

**Subject: Letter of Recommendation for James Sullivan LEED-AP
Regarding GM No. 476 Nomination to the Environmental
Council**

Dear Senator Menor:

My name is David Bylund. I am a Principal at Architects Hawaii and currently serve on the Environmental Council as the Chair of the Annual Report Committee. I enthusiastically endorse Mr. James Sullivan's confirmation to join the Environmental Council.

I have known James for many years. He is an exceptional engineer and construction specialist. His passion is for design and construction of sustainable buildings. He has worked in both the public and private sectors, including over a decade in Hawaii.

He will bring a well founded and sophisticated perspective to the Environmental Council. He will be a valuable addition to the Council.

Best regards,

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Principal

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Chair Ron Menor
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Letter of Recommendation for James Sullivan
Regarding GM No. 476 Nomination to the Environmental Council

Dear Senator Menor:

This is a letter of recommendation for James Sullivan as a nominee to the Environmental Council. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Chateau Waikiki condominium for close to four years and is well respected by his fellow directors. His opinions are often sought after on structural and mechanical items on our agenda before final decisions are reached.

Mr. Sullivan is a bright, hard-working individual and completely committed to the state of our environment here in Hawaii. As a degreed Mechanical Engineer with 15 years experience on construction projects in Hawaii and a Green Building Professional Accreditation, he would be a valuable asset to the Environmental Council.

I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. James Sullivan to be a member of the Environmental Council.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Kalama
President
Board of Directors
Chateau Waikiki

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

April 3, 2008

James Sullivan

GM No. 476 Nomination to the Environmental Council

Chair Menor, members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Environmental Council.

I was born in Hammond, Indiana and grew up in a small town called Black Oak near the shores of Lake Michigan. As with many of my classmates, I grew up in a family that had migrated from the farms of the southern states to the north in search of factory jobs and a better life. I attended public schools and graduated from Calumet High School. After four years in the Army, I attended and graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering specializing in Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration and Solar Energy Systems Design.

I moved to Hawai'i in 1991 and shortly thereafter began my career in construction. I have helped build Wastewater Treatment Plants, Pumping Stations and Water Treatment Plants on Kauai, O'ahu, Maui and Kailua Kona, Hawai'i. Additionally, I have helped manage the construction of a residential park that was an eyesore of a parking lot, office buildings and residential housing developments on our military bases. For the past year I have been working full-time on sustainability and focusing on energy, water and waste issues as they relate to the design, construction and operation of military residential communities on O'ahu. I am a LEED® Accredited Professional by the US Green Building Council and actively participate on several LEED projects as both consult and active team member. In addition to my professional life, I am on my second three year term as a Director on the Chateau Waikiki AOA Board of Directors and have been an active member for many years at a local church.

A position on the Environmental Council would give me the opportunity to express my commitment to environmental issues that we face in an island state – limited land, fresh water, ocean resources and cultural expression; as well as the future development of renewable energies, alternative fuels and agriculture. Additionally, the issues of rail transit, landfill, biofuel production, housing development, and the rejuvenation of an aging infrastructure, just to name a few, will require sound and equitable policy to ensure that the environment is respected and improved for future generations to use and enjoy.

I was hanai'd on Kauai and introduced to the concepts of malama ka `aina and respect for the generations that have preceded and will follow. Along with this privilege came a responsibility to kokua or give without reservation. To serve on the Environmental

Council would give me the opportunity to kokua this land and future generations.

The social, economic and environmental sustainability of our island state is more than the latest catch phrase; rather, it is a responsibility that I choose to accept. Along with my penchant for detail, background of working on boards and with all levels of management, education and experience in Engineering, Construction and Sustainability I think that I bring a unique balanced perspective.

I humbly ask this Senate Committee to confirm my nomination to the Environmental Council.

Mahalo.