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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2008

Friday, March 7, 2008
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 305.

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 305, regarding the **reappointment** of Michael S. Chu to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chu's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Chu is being reappointed to the Board as a landscape architect licensee member. He has been licensed since September 29, 1982, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Chu is a valuable member of the Board who served as the Board's Chair from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. As the former Chair and now a regular member, he is always well prepared for the board meetings and the topics on the agenda, and

actively participates in the Board's discussions. He provides valuable insights gained after twenty six years of active practice as a landscape architect and the information provided by Mr. Chu contributes greatly to the Board's decisions. In addition, Mr. Chu has represented the Board at national and regional meetings to address issues related to the practice of landscape architects.

We believe that Mr. Chu's interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community, both locally and nationally, will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chu to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 28, 2008

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Honorable Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair, Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Affordable Housing

Subject: **GM 305 – Michael S. Chu, Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects**

Hearing: Friday, March 7, 2008
Time: 9:00am
Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Aloha Honorable Senators,

Engineering Solutions, Inc. is a locally owned and managed small business civil engineering firm. Our firm is an active member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH) and various local professional organizations.

We urge you to Support GM 305 - Nomination of Mr. Michael S. Chu for the Professional Licensing Board. Mr. Chu has spent many years of dedicated service as a fellow design professional, landscape architect and land planner. He spent much effort in professional, public and community service roles, having served on Neighborhood Board No. 12, City vision teams, member of ASLA, and previously served on the Professional EASLA Licensing Board. I have personally known Mr. Chu for 15 years or more in our professional arena and find him ethical, hard working, reasonable, knowledgeable and dedicated to the profession.

We urge you to support this nomination. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Engineering Solutions, Inc.

Richard E. Frey, AIA, PE
Vice President

COALITION OF HAWAII ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONALS

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We urge you to support this nomination. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals



Lester Fukuda, P.E., FACEC

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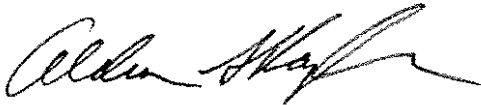
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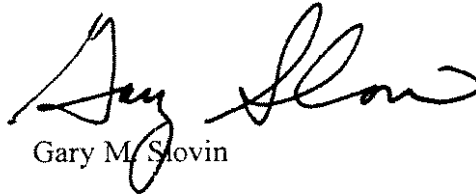
**Re: GM 305 - Board of Professional Engineers, Architects,
Surveyors, and Landscape Architects
Gubernatorial Nominee: Michael S. Chu**

Dear Chair Kokubun and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing:

I am writing to support enthusiastically the appointment of Michael S. Chu to the Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Board.

I have known Mr. Chu for 18 years and have worked very closely with him during that time. Because of his high level of competence and his great integrity, I cannot imagine a better person for the board of PEASLA. For those reasons, I heartedly endorse the nomination of Mr. Chu to be a member of this board.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary M. Slovin

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March 3, 2008

The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kokubun and Members:

Subject: GM 305

Please confirm the re-appointment of **Michael S. Chu** to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

As a city planner for more than two decades, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Chu, both as a consultant to the city, as well as an agent representing private clients.

I found him to be a dedicated professional, able to keep policy issues in mind while dealing with the details. He is dedicated to moving projects and programs forward. He can work with a variety of people and professions. He keeps an open mind, and can readily propose alternatives and compromises in disputed matters. His dedication to community service and his profession is shown by his many years as a neighborhood board member, and a member of the subject Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on his behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Sokugawa", written in a cursive style.

Kathy Sokugawa