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To: The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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From: Darwin L.D. Ching, Director
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**GM 310 – THOMAS S. VENDETTA
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (“HMOAB”)**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (“Department”) strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. THOMAS S. VENDETTA.

Mr. Vendetta is the current chairperson of the HMOAB and has been serving on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board since 2005 and his impact has had a positive effect in moving crane certification and enforcement procedures forward.

Mr. Vendetta is the chief of the City and County of Honolulu's Division of Industrial Safety and Workers' Compensation. In this capacity he is responsible for administering the city's safety programs, of which would include crane operators. Mr. Vendetta also serves as a member of the National Safety Council and HIOSH Advisory Committee. We believe that his vast experience in safety issues protecting both workers and the public greatly qualify Mr. Vendetta for appointment to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

In summary, Mr. THOMAS S. VENDETTA is well-qualified and deserving of confirmation for the HMOAB.