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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education
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By Dee Jay Mailer, CEO
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Re: GM 341 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN R. BOTTICELLI, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Education Committee. My name is Dee Jay Mailer, Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Ann Botticelli's nomination to the Education Commission of the States.

The ECS is charged with important work: identifying and developing policies that improve student learning in Hawai'i. I believe Ms. Botticelli will bring much to this discussion. As the Vice President of Community Relations and Communications, Ms. Botticelli is a member of the Kamehameha Schools leadership team. In that capacity, she has been involved in discussions about how best to reach the children served by our Trust, and she has demonstrated a clear passion for and commitment to understanding and implementing practices which serve all of our keiki. She approaches discussions openly and addresses disagreement by seeking out and focusing on the shared goals that allow progress to occur. I truly believe she will be an asset as a member of the ECS.

Mahalo nui loa,

Dee Jay Mailer
CEO, Kamehameha Schools