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From: Dennis Dunn, Vice Chair
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Subject: GM 342 - Consideration and Confirmation of Ryan P. Perreira to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dennis Dunn and I am the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the reappointment of Ryan Perreira to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Mr. Perreira has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a staff member at Windward Community College, Mr. Perreira's knowledge of the needs and problems of our young adults has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. His desire to make a difference not only to the Commission, but to community service and service learning has also been a key contributing factor to the work of the Commission. During his recent term on the Commission, Mr. Perreira has become familiar with the federal rules and regulations of the program and is able to make qualified decisions in helping the Commission make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Mr. Ryan Perreira to the Commission in order that he may continue to provide her insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.