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February 21, 2007

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye  
 Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
 State Capitol, Room 201  
 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Inouye:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 2008 requesting information regarding my nomination to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I am happy to provide additional information on my nomination to assist with the confirmation process.

I understand you have my resume and listing of references on file. The only addition to my resume is that I am currently working as a Civil Defense Planner at Hawaii State Civil Defense. I would like to address your questions with the following statement:

I would like to serve on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for the State of Hawaii because I am a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, and wish to ensure that veterans receive the best services possible. After serving the United States in the military, I believe that the United States, and Hawaii in turn, owes veterans an efficient and compassionate delivery of benefits.

I have served on the Veteran's Advisory Board for approximately one year. From my experience on the Board, I believe it is my responsibility to review the procedures for delivery of services, and make suggestions for improvements. During my term on the Board, I have worked to successfully obtain veterans' benefits for two veterans, one a Viet Nam veteran and one Hawaii National Guardsman who served in the Iraq War.

When our Board became (and still is) concerned with the administration and admission procedures for the Yukio Otsuku Veterans Home in Hilo, I made the motion to write a letter to Tom Driskill requesting updates and information on areas of concern. The motion was accepted unanimously and I drafted the Board's letter for our chair's signature.

Three qualities and experience that I possess, which I believe benefit the Advisory Board are:

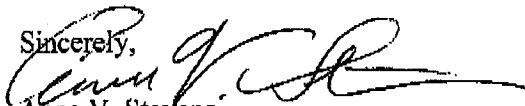
- 1) Honorable service in the US Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is a humanitarian service and is dedicated to public service. I served for a total of 12 years with two years here in Hawaii. I received the US Coast Guard Commendation Medal for my search and rescue work in Hawaii and am credited with the saving of 157 lives and \$17 million in property here in Hawaii.
- 2) Membership in the American Veterans Empowerment and Support Community Operations (AVESCO). I have been a guest on the Hawaii Bulletin Board radio

show, hosted by Calvin Griffin, the Executive Director of AVESCO. The topic of our show was the situation of homeless veterans in Hawaii.

- 3) While on the Board, I have continued my support for homeless veterans. I toured the USA Vets Shelter at Kaleloa and met with the staff on needs for the program. The staff indicated a need for paint for one of the buildings. I brought this issue to our board, and subsequently a donor was found and the paint delivered to the Vets Shelter.

The only conflict I can envision for service on the Veterans' Advisory Board is my job at State Civil Defense. During emergencies, I am subject to recall. However, my supervisor is very supportive of my service on the Advisory Board and accommodates my attendance.

Sincerely,



Anne V. Stevens

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION OF  
GM 401 – ANNE V. STEVENS  
TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

BY

OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

Good afternoon, Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Shan Tsutsui and members of the Committee.

I am Mark Moses, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). OVS strongly support confirmation of Anne V. Stevens to continue her membership and be reappointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

As a member of the board, Ms. Stevens has been proactive in making sure the new Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home in Hilo is veteran friendly. She identifies issues and takes alternative approaches in making sure that all veterans are served and given their benefits from VA. She is truly an advocate for veterans and takes the initiative to develop testimonies for the Advisory Board during Legislative sessions.

With her background as an Officer in the Coast Guard and as a legislator, she brings valuable knowledge and understanding of the military and State government to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

We strongly recommend that Ms. Stevens be reappointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services; she is a true asset to the Board and most of all, to our veterans.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony.

## testimony

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**From:** Ed Cruickshank [ecruickshank@arcadia-hi.org]

**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2008 1:13 PM

**To:** testimony

**Subject:** testimony status gm 401-regarding confirmation of advisory board member Anne V Stevens to the Office of Veteran Services.

Dear Senator Inouye and Senator Tsutsui,

I would highly recommend that you reappoint Anne V Stevens to the Advisory Board of Veteran Services. During my tenure as the Director of OVS she was truly an outstanding and dedicated board member, that took her position seriously. She was deeply involved with the homeless Veteran's issues, and did everything in her power -not only as a board member, but personally to see to it, **that steps were being taken to care for American's finest.** Please feel free to contact me directly at 9831884 if you need any further testimony by me, **for this outstanding veteran herself**, and one that loves America and all it stands for.