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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

**GM 434, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the
Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

**Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHERINE PUANA KEALOHA
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2011**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

**Thursday, February 28, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
Room 414**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the appointment of Ms. Katherine
2 Puana Kealoha as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC).

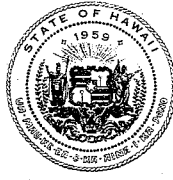
3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Kealoha's commitment to public service and the environment will
5 benefit OEQC and the people of Hawaii. She has an extensive background in establishing an
6 environmental crimes unit at the City and County of Honolulu's Prosecutor's Office that will be an asset
7 in ensuring that environmental laws are upheld and that the public has the opportunity to review and
8 comment on proposed projects. With the support of such agencies as the Department of Land and
9 Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, and various environmental
10 groups throughout the state, Ms. Kealoha was instrumental in forming the first environmental crimes
11 unit under Prosecutor Peter Carlisle's leadership. Further, Ms. Kealoha has practiced in the areas of
12 environmental, family, real estate, business, criminal, and civil law.

1 Previously, Ms. Kealoha served as a program budget analyst with the Senate Committee on
2 Ways and Means during the Hawai'i State Legislature 1991-1992 session. In this capacity she evaluated
3 the operating budgets for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the
4 University of Hawai'i Community College System, and the Waikīkī Aquarium. Her duties included
5 analyzing state budget trends and exploring alternative funding methods for each of the departmental
6 program areas. Since 1996, Ms. Kealoha has served as an adjunct professor at Chaminade University's
7 Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration.

8 The Office of Environmental Quality Control works to promote, expand and coordinate efforts to
9 maintain the quality of the state's environment. The OEQC implements the state's Environmental
10 Impact Law, Chapter 343 Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor
11 on all matters relating to environmental quality control. The OEQC reviews and comments on hundreds
12 of environmental disclosure documents each year, and twice a month publishes The Environmental
13 Notice, a bulletin to inform the public of projects being proposed in the state that are subject to public
14 review and comment. The office is administratively attached to the state Department of Health.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Katherine Kealoha as Director of the
16 Office of Environmental Quality Control.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Kathy's impressive background proves that she has the skills necessary to execute the responsibilities of the Director's position. I have confidence that she has the skills it takes to be a successful leader and that she will use these skills to overcome the many challenges which the OEQC faces.

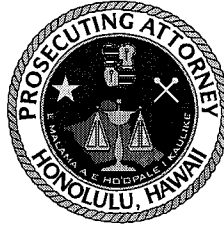
Thank you for your support.

Representative Roland D. Sagum III

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THE HONORABLE RON MENOR, CHAIR
SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawai'i

February 28, 2008

**RE: G.M. 434; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
KATHERINE PUANA KEALOHA.**

Chair Menor and members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in strong support of the appointment of Kathy Kealoha to the post of Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

During her tenure as a deputy prosecuting attorney, Kathy has distinguished herself by her intelligence, hard work, integrity and her dedication. Her competence and skill have earned her the respect of her peers and enabled her to litigate complex and challenging cases; she is currently handling cases in the Career Criminal Division, which prosecutes the most serious offenders. For a large portion of her career as a deputy prosecutor, Kathy has been committed to creating an environmental crimes unit in the department and prosecuting those cases. Her initiative and ability to work effectively with various agencies and groups that deal with the environment, as well as law enforcement agencies led to the creation of an environmental crimes unit in the department.

Kathy has also demonstrated a strong commitment to serving her community through her participation in several community organizations. She is currently the president of the Kahala Community Association and a board member of Star of the Sea Elementary School. She is a frequent volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

We believe that Kathy's passion for preserving Hawaii's environment, coupled with her strong organizational skills and her ability to work cooperatively with others make her exceptionally well qualified to head the Office of Environmental Quality Control. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of her nomination and we thank you for this opportunity to testify.

testimony

From: Linda F. Collins [lfc@kikiaola.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:27 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

Linda Faye Collins

Kevin A. Souza
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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY TO ROOM 208

Senator Ron Menor
Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
417 South Beretania Street, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Confirmation of Katherine Puana Kealoha as
Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

Dear Senator Menor & Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of the confirmation of Katherine Puana Kealoha, as Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). I have known Ms. Puana Kealoha for fifteen years, both as an attorney and as a personal friend. I have also had the pleasure of observing Ms. Puana Kealoha practice law in the District, Family and Circuit Courts. On each occasion, she has demonstrated a strong intellect and a unique understanding of the people of Hawai`i. More importantly, she has always been honest, straightforward, and committed to preserving Hawai`i's precious environment.

Ms. Puana Kealoha is a consummate professional. She is unwavering in her commitment to public service, yet always finds time for her family and friends. She has served honorably and dutifully as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and was instrumental in initiating an Environmental Crimes Unit to prosecute those who harm our environment. Prior to joining the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Ms. Puana Kealoha founded and managed her own law firm, and also served as a program analyst for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Ms. Puana Kealoha is also president of the Kahala Community Association and is a board member of the Star of the Sea Elementary School.

Ms. Puana Kealoha brings to OEQC a wealth of knowledge and experience, and a passion to preserve and protect Hawai`i's environment for future generations. She will no doubt foster a strong working relationship with the environmental community, the businesses community, the state legislature and the public. I believe that Ms. Puana Kealoha's knowledge and experience, and her strong family and community involvement, will be a credit to OEQC. I urge you to confirm her appointment as Director of OEQC.

Very truly yours,



Kevin A. Souza, Esq.

Cc: Katherine Puana Kealoha

testimony

From: Alison Wong [alisonleewong@yahoo.com]
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Subject: SUPPORT FOR KATHERINE KEALOHA

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing this testimony. I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over nine years, and in that time period, she has dedicated her career and volunteer activities to the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

I am sure that you are aware that Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication she worked to support many other agencies and community groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her cases and her personal volunteer efforts.

While handling Environmental crime cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness. Given her background and history, she is the best candidate for this position. The Director of OEQC should be balanced in her decisions, and fair to both development and our environment; if anyone can do this balancing act, it is Katherine Kealoha.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, Katherine grew up in Kahaluu, and continues to participate in community meetings in her parent's neighborhood area.

As an attorney and member of many Boards and community activities on the outer-islands, Katherine is in touch with a wide range of community groups and grass roots efforts. Katherine

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As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

Alison L.Y.F. Wong

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Very truly yours,



Kevin A. Souza, Esq.

Cc: Katherine Puana Kealoha

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

IN SUPPORT

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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street; Conf. Rm. 414

Honolulu, HI

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members,

I respectfully ask that you authorize the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I am a constituent and have been a resident of Hawaii since birth. I've known Katherine her entire life. She has always impressed me with her sincere passion for our land and environment; not just on paper but in her daily life. She truly "walks the walk".

I assume you are seeking a candidate who not just speaks and understands the rhetoric, but possesses depth and passion as well. You probably have before you, a copy of Katherine's impressive resume. Although it speaks of her many academic and occupational achievements, it cannot convey to you her sincerity, tenacity or strong work ethic. I do today testify to these attributes. I believe genuinely, wholeheartedly she is the best candidate for this crucial position and will be a conscientious advocate, protector and preserver of the delicate environment of our Hawaiian Islands.

Thank you for your serious consideration and support in this matter.

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testimony

From: Amy [amurakami2000@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 12:08 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Committee On Energy and Environmentk hearing date: February 28, 2008 at 2:34 a.m.

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Sentator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

re: In Support of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Gubernatorial Nominee for Director for the Office of Environmental Control

Dear Chairman Menor and committee members:

I write in support of Katherine Puana Kealoha's nomination for Director for the Office of Environmental Control. I met Mrs. Kealoha about six years ago when I was a young deputy prosecuting attorney starting out in the district court. Many private defense attorneys try to take advantage of a young deputy. But Mrs. Kealoha was not one of them. She was straightforward and honest. She told you what her client wanted and if you agreed to the deal, great. If not she tried to find out from you what the difficulties were and then proceeded to find compromises. Unlike many other defense attorneys, she did not attempt to bully or intimidate you with whose she was. In fact she made it clear that she thought you were doing a great job. It was only after court when I happened to walk with her out of the courthouse that I found out she was a former prosecutor.

Mrs. Kealoha had a wonderful reputation as defense attorney, she is smart, prepared, and honest. When she returned to the prosecutor's office, she brought those qualities and more to the Career Criminal Division. She would always offer to help the deputies. She would gladly discuss cases and strategy. Her manner was always welcoming even when she was busy. Once I discussed a matter with her for a considerable amount of time before I figured out she was in trial. But she would not end the conversation because she thought what I was talking about was important and needed to be discussed. That is the type of open door policy and supportive nature that Mrs. Kealoaha maintained.

As friendly and welcoming as Mrs. Kealoha normally is, when the situation calls for it she is firm and gets her points across clearly. She will not stand for lying and cheating. She is not one to sweep dirty laundry under the rug and hope no one notices. She confronts it and deals with it appropriately. But even in the most aggravating times, I have not seen her lose her sense of humor and compassion.

All of these traits make her an exceptional attorney, they are also traits that will make her an exceptional director. She has the ability to draw people to her and together. During our time together at the prosecutor's office, Kathy did not get to do environmental law cases, however, she and I discussed environmental law. It was apparent from her enthusiasm for the subject and her pride in being one of the originating members of the environmental prosecution section that she will do great things for the Office of Environmental Control.

Mrs. Kealoha is an exceptional person and will make an exceptional head of the Office of Environmental Control.

2/21/2008

If there is any further information that I can provide, please e-mail me a amurakami2000@yahoo.com or via telephone at 375-4294.

Sincerley,

Amy Murakami

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Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication, she has worked to support many other agencies and grass root groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her cases, her personal volunteer efforts and her efforts to educate others.

While handling Environmental crime cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address Environmental crimes at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness. Given her background, history and personal dedication, she is the best candidate for this position.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public education and awareness. In addition, Katherine grew up in Kahaluu, and continues to participate in community meetings in her parent's neighborhood area and is an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

As an attorney and member of many Boards and community activities on Oahu as well as the outer-islands, Katherine is in touch with a wide range of community groups and grass roots efforts. Katherine continues to be a valuable asset to our community, and a passionate supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the most qualified and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication, she worked to support other agencies and grass root groups to maintain, protect and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her cases and her personal volunteer efforts. Katherine strives to preserve our natural resources for future generations.

While handling Environmental crime cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness. Given her extensive background and history, she is the best candidate for this position.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues, public awareness and public education. In addition, Katherine grew up in Kahaluu, and continues to participate in community meetings in her parent's neighborhood area and is an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

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Thank you for your support.

Minh-Hung Nguyen
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February 21, 2008

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The Honorable Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

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Ms. Kealoha is currently the President of the Kahala Community Association. As an active community member, much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, Ms. Kealoha grew up in Kahaluu, a keiki o ka aina. Though not living there now, she is still an active volunteer with the friends of Heeiea State Park community clean up group and continues to participate in community meetings in her parent's neighborhood area.

As an attorney and member of many boards and community activities on the neighbor-islands, Ms. Kealoha is in touch with a wide range of community groups and grass roots efforts. Ms. Kealoha continues to be an asset to our community, and an avid supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Ms. Kealoha will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our environment.

I know Ms. Kealoha is dedicated to fulfill, as well as, believes in the philosophy decreed by the Hawai'i State motto – "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono", "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness."

Thank you for your support.



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February 21, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
The Senate
The Twenty-fourth legislature
Regular Session of 2008

Dear Senator Menor:

Re: **IN SUPPORT** of the Confirmation of Katherine Puana Kealoha for the position of Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2008

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 414

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

I have known Kathy Kealoha for years. We met in the City Prosecutor's Office. We have worked together on several criminal cases. Ms. Kealoha is strong, smart, and dedicated. She welcomes all challenges and performs well. She seeks answers and decisively makes the right choices. I was impressed with her work ethic and candor.

Ms. Kealoha was truly an asset to our office and she will be missed. If you have any questions, please contact me at 547-7421.

Sincerely,



Armina A. Ching, Esq.

testimony

From: Shirley [sakita@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 5:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Katherine Kealoha

Via Email: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

Dear Senator Gary Hooser, Senator Ron Menor, and Committee Members:

I am writing to support Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Katherine Kealoha is known by her friends for her deep dedication to the preservation of our environment. She first worked in the Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office and while there, diligently supported the efforts of other agencies to maintain and preserve our natural resources.

Katherine is an active Community member. She is the President of the Kahala Community Association. She gives her time on making the public aware of the residential code and compliance issues. She is a volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group,

As an attorney and member of many Boards that are involved with community activities on the neighbor islands, Katherine is in touch with a wide range of community groups. Katherine is an asset to our community as an avid supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I believe Katherine Kealoha is well qualified to serve in the in that capacity.

Thank you for your support.

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VIA E-MAIL: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Legislature's Public Access Room

February 22, 2008

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

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Dear Senator Menor, Senator Hooser and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the Governor's appoint of KATHERINE PUANA KEALOHA as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality and Control.

I first met Ms. Kealoha about 12 years ago as a co-worker. We worked together on cases with environmental impact. Even then, Ms. Kealoha was committed to the respect and preservation of our Hawaiian ecology, environment and culture. During the subsequent years, Ms. Kealoha's dedication and passion for the preservation of our environment has only grown and deepened, as a deputy prosecuting attorney, as a private attorney, and as a member of our community.

Most significantly, Ms. Kealoha repeatedly demonstrated an ability to bring together people with diverse needs and opinions, always with the common goal of preservation. In so doing, she has demonstrated her ability to successfully communicate with the courts, government agencies, community organizations and the weekend fisherman, and to get things done.

Please support Ms. Kealoha in her appointment. Our community needs her.

Sincerely yours,

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testimony

From: pam solow [solowp001@suscom-maine.net]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 8:19 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Cookie
Subject: Fw: appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha

----- Original Message -----

From: pam solow
To: testimony@capital.hawaii.gov
Cc: Cookie
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 10:40 AM
Subject: appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha

Dear Committee Members:

We are writing this e-mail in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Both my husband and I have known Katherine as well as her family for over fifteen years and we couldn't be more pleased and delighted by this appointment.

Katherine has an impeccable work ethic, and a remarkable dedication to task in all avenues of her past careers and I see only greatness in her duties as Director of Office of Environmental Quality Control.

We have worked alongside of Katherine during neighborhood clean ups at Heeia State Park while my husband and I lived in Kaneohe, and can tell you first hand that she doesn't mind "rolling her sleeves up" and helping at the park, when needed. She is always aware of Hawaii's natural resources and what it will take to maintain and preserve our natural resources on all the Hawaiian islands.

Her background in all that she has done and will do for Hawaii is to be admired and her skills and dedication to task will be evident in this position. Katherine would and should be the best candidate for the preservation of Hawaii's Environment in our opinion.

Thank you for letting us write in our support of Katherine Kealoha, we admire and respect her greatly as a friend, mother, wife and hopefully as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Pamela & Joel Solow
282 Montsweag Rd.
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testimony

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To: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

Re: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 p.m.
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Menor, Hooser and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Kathy for twelve plus years and there is no doubt that she is the best candidate for this position. Kathy is personable, responsible and a team player. She would be an excellent Director and the Lingle administration would be extremely fortunate to have Katherine Puana Kealoha as part of their team.

Thank you.

Patricia D. Rock
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

RE: SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR KATHERINE PUANA KEALOHA
HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 p.m.

IN SUPPORT

THE HONORABLE SENATOR RON MENOR, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
Fax: 586-6659

The Honorable Senator Menor and Esteemed Members of the
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I strongly support Katherine Kealoha's nomination for the
position of Director for the Office of Environmental
Quality Control. She is a very motivated, capable and
competent person.

I have worked with her at the Department of the Prosecuting
Attorney for many years. Ms. Kealoha's trial experience
will serve her well in being able to network and
communicate with various businesses and agencies. She will
do a great job for the State of Hawaii.

Nora Garrod
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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney assigned to the Career Criminal Division of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City & County of Honolulu. I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I have known Katherine for over ten years, and have greatly admired her dedication and staunch commitment to the pursuit of justice and the protection of the environment. Katherine is a driven advocate who applied her dedication and commitment by establishing the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office. Katherine effectively promoted interagency support for the maintenance and preservation of our natural resources to best serve the community and effectively prosecute environmental crimes.

Katherine is a respected advocate who has earned the regard of many environmentalists and community members. In addition to her excellent advocacy skills, Katherine is a natural leader. She cultivates cooperation from others to effectively promote preservation of our natural resources. Katherine is intelligent, organized, efficient, even-tempered and decisive. Her demonstrated dedication, versatility and effectiveness in handling the demands of a heavy caseload of some of the most serious felony offenses on Oahu has been a tremendous asset to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. Her experience and dedication will serve her well as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I highly recommend Katherine for appointment without reservation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 547-7452.

Respectfully,

Lucianne Khalaf

testimony

From: Audrey Foster [audrey.foster@yahoo.com]
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Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication she worked to support other agencies and grass roots groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her cases and her personal volunteer efforts.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness. Given her background and history, she is the best candidate for this position.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, Katherine grew up in Kahaluu, and continues to participate in community meetings in her parent's neighborhood area and is an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

As an attorney and member of many Boards and community activities on the outer-islands, Katherine is in touch with a wide range of community groups and grass roots efforts. Katherine continues to be an asset to our community, and an avid supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

I met Kathy fifteen years ago when we were both attending the William S. Richardson School of law. In addition to being a law student, Kathy was also asked by her professors to tutor other law students, and at night she was pursuing her master's degree in Criminal Justice at Chaminade University of Honolulu. Kathy was always one to carry a heavy workload, but she did so with such ease and grace that it seemed somewhat effortless. I've come to know that the snapshot that I've just described is the mode at which Kathy operates every day of her life. She sets overly ambitious goals for herself and meets them every time with her unrelenting drive, determination, intelligence and social skills. I believe that Kathy would demand no less of herself.

It is evident from her resume that Kathy is very intelligent, but what the resume doesn't indicate is that Kathy has the social skills to match. I have witnessed Kathy working and mingling with all kinds of people. Whether it was with law school professors, fellow students, students she tutored, co-workers, employers or friends, people enjoy being around her. Kathy has a way about her that makes people feel comfortable, and I think it is because you just know that she is the real deal.

Obviously, I am one of Kathy's biggest fans, but I have to say it is because I feel that she is extraordinary. I know that Kathy can be or do whatever she desires. However, this opportunity to pursue her passion and work with environmental issues would be the ultimate fit for her. I have no doubt that if given that chance to act as the Director, we would all benefit from her leadership of that office.

For these reasons and more, I ask for your support in confirming Katherine Kealoha as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Thank you for your support.

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From: Debra Taketa [taketad@hotmail.com]
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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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LETTER IN SUPPORT OF KATHERINE KEALOHA

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
Appointment of **Katherine Puana Kealoha**
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conf. Rm 414, State Capitol 415 South Beretania St .

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I have lived in Mililani Mauka for about three years now, and I grew up and spent my entire life in Old Mililani Town. I have raised all three of my children, now grown up with their own families, and we all live within ten minutes of each other. We first met Kathy because of an illegal species case in our neighborhood and we have been in touch ever since, that was back in the year 2000. We ask you all to support Katherine Kealoha in her appointment as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Kathy has been great to work with, and very sensitive to all of our neighborhood members. Recently we had a problem with sewer smells and no one could help us. We called Kathy because she was the only person that we knew could take care of the problem. We had sewer problems for over six months and none of the agencies we called could help.

In two weeks we had so many agencies out here, and we had the problem resolved in no time. Our neighbors still thank us every windy and rainy day. This is the kind of person we need in our government, and she doesn't take no for an answer. Her motto is, if there is a problem, then there is a solution!

Please help support Kathy, an avid and dedicated supporter of our Mililani community!

Sincerely,

Di Taketa, David Bulosan and Jerry Aquino

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As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

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TO: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

February 22, 2008

Re: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 p.m.
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control

Dear Chairperson Menor, Vice Chair Hooser, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my heartfelt endorsement for the appointment of Katherine P. Kealoha to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Kealoha professionally for many years at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. Ms. Kealoha is an excellent attorney. In her position with the Career Criminal Division, she is a dedicated trial prosecutor who works tirelessly in the pursuit of justice. She has a warm personality and a reputation in the office for being very approachable, positive, down to earth and easy to work with. I believe Ms. Kealoha is highly qualified to lead the Office of Environmental Quality Control. With her legal expertise, community experience at the grassroots level, passion for the environment, and deep appreciation for Native Hawaiian culture, Ms. Kealoha would be an excellent Director. She is what Hawaii needs.

Thank you very much for your consideration. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.



Galen Nakamura
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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine since high school, and in that time period, she has been dedicated to the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii. I have worked for 13 years preserving Hawaii's unique Natural Resources on Army lands on Oahu. In this effort my office as often worked closely with OEQC.

Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication she worked to support other agencies and grass roots groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her cases and her personal volunteer efforts.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness. Given her background and history, she is the best candidate for this position.

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As an attorney and member of many Boards and community activities on the outer-islands, Katherine is in touch with a wide range of community groups and grass roots efforts. Katherine continues to be an asset to our community, and an avid supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

I know Katherine as intelligent, motivated and open minded. I feel that these characteristics will serve her well in this office.

Thank you for your support.

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testimony

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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Puana Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Katherine Kealoha is dedicated to the preservation of "Hawaii." Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office; she works with other agencies in the efforts to maintain and the preservation of our natural resources. In Litigation with Environmental crime cases and the prevention of further crimes and destruction of natural resources', Katherine has work with volunteer and organized groups to ensure the public awareness and educate for the causes at hand.

Katherine's works beyond the work day, she is involved with her community. She serves on the Parent Board at Star of the Sea School; she is the President of the Kahala Community Association. Katherine grew up in Kahaluu and she is still active volunteer with the "friends" of the Heeia State Park community. Through Katherine's experience in these areas she is the best qualified for this position. I urge you to make the decision that will benefit Hawaii; Katherine Puana Kealoha is the best candidate for this position.

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for only a couple of years but I believe her to be a dedicated proponent for the preservation of our Environment.

I understand that it was Katherine who started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication so typical of her, she worked to support other agencies and grass root groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has also been evident in her personal volunteer efforts.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given her background and history and allowed the opportunity, I am confident she is the best candidate for this position.

Thank you for your support.

Carol A. Furtado

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Dear Senators:

I am writing in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Ms. Kealoha since 1995 when she started working as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. I have had the pleasure to work with her over the years and have maintained contact with her even when she was in private practice. I have known Ms. Kealoha to be someone of integrity and high moral character.

Ms. Kealoha's bright and outgoing personality makes her stand out in a crowd. Ms. Kealoha quickly excelled in our office and started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office. Ms. Kealoha has strong ties to the community and has worked tirelessly to support other agencies and grass root groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources.

Ms. Kealoha is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. Ms Kealoha also continues to participate in community meetings in Kahaluu where she grew up and is an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Ms. Kealoha is extremely dedicated and tireless at completing any task at hand. Her dedication and integrity will make her a tireless advocate for the preservation of our Environment. Given her background and history, she is the best candidate for this position. I whole heartedly support the nomination of Katherine Kealoha for this position. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 383-6041 or at Pixie@hawaii.rr.com.

Thank you for your support.

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testimony

From: Cori Kekina [ckekina@hotmail.com]
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I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Puana Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over ten years, and in that time period, she has been dedicated to the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

Katherine is a very capable and intelligent individual. She has dedicated most of her legal career to public service and would be an asset to the State of Hawaii. She is hardworking, committed, and has a superior work ethic.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

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From: Ikeda, Charlene [cikedata@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 12:18 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Re: Katherine Kealoha for February 28, 2008 at 2:45 p.m.

To whom it may concern:

I have known Katherine Kealoha ("Kathy") for approximately 12 years. We both started working at the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney back in November of 1996. Kathy has always been organized, driven and able to juggle many tasks, successfully. For instance, while a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Kathy not only handled her own "caseload", but she took on the additional task of handling the environmental cases that came into our office.

She has always been a team player and always willing to lend a helping hand. While driven and ambitious, she is sensitive and will listen to what others have to say. Kathy has a knack of getting along with others and is able to work with people from all walks of life. I believe that Kathy will be an asset to your division.

Very truly yours,
Charlene Ikeda

testimony

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for several years now. First as an opponent when she was in private practice and now as a fellow prosecutor who's office is only a few feet from my own.

In all candor to the Committee, I cannot speak to Katherine's experience in the field of environmental law. I will let her record and other supporters handle that. I can, however, speak to her level of professionalism, integrity, and overall work ethic. In that respect, she is one of the finest individuals I have ever known. She is a hard worker and a team player, who can always be counted on to pitch in, even when she has a million things on her own plate.

I have no doubt that whatever the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control requires of her, she will fulfill and exceed. And she will do so in the same no nonsense, "cut to the

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chase” manner in which she approaches everything else. This is not to say that she is in any way “indelicate” or “undiplomatic” but rather that she has motivation, intelligence, and common sense to spare.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Once confirmed, Katherine will prove to the people of Hawaii what I already know; that she is the best, most dedicated, and most qualified candidate for this position.

Thank you for your support.

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LETTER IN SUPPORT GM 434

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

This letter of support is for the appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha's position as Director of the State of Hawaii's Department of Health's Office of Environmental Quality Control.

This office requires someone that is multi-tasked with a keen and attentive spirit towards maintaining Hawaii's "Hawaiian sense of place" while respecting the concerns of the local community. Kathy Kealoha is that ideal leader who will manage and motivate while preserving the State of Hawaii's precious and delicate environment.

I worked with Kathy in the past on several boards, associations and committees and continue to work with her on a community association. She is a multi-talented individual that leads by example. Her resourcefulness and professional know-how in dealing with all levels of government, not-for-profit organizations and individuals is invaluable. She conveys wisdom and maturity beyond her years.

I thank you in advance for considering this wonderful individual, Katherine Puana Kealoha.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for twelve years and have had the pleasure to know her personally and professionally.

As a detective for the Honolulu Police Department, I have conferred numerous cases with Katherine. Her work ethic and sheer tenacity to see cases through prosecution is evident in her record of convictions in the Honolulu City and County Prosecutor's Office. As a deputy prosecutor for the Career Criminal Unit, she is tasked with prosecuting individuals that have decided to disregard public and environmental safety. Her willingness and dependability to work with multi agencies allows the police department to be more efficient by incarcerating our repeat offenders. Katherine's performance in the courtroom shows her commitment and dedication to protecting and serving her community that we live in.

As a professor for Chaminade University, her instruction in criminal justice has extended beyond the classroom. She has instilled in her students, the importance of protecting the community and being environmentally aware of our fragile ecosystem. Katherine's guidance and support has led many of her graduates towards a successful law enforcement career in all levels of government. She has given selflessly to the community by volunteering her time to discuss issues concerning the future of our natural resources.

It is evident in my testimony that Katherine Kealoha is the best candidate for the position of Director of Environmental Quality Control. She possesses the skills to direct others towards environmental and culturally sensitive needs of our islands. As a native Hawaiian, Katherine takes to heart the impact of changes that have eroded our natural resources. I am confident that she has the creativity and resourcefulness to develop solutions to prevent further environmental degradation and policies to address specific environmental crimes that are currently occurring.

I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha to Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Thank you for your support.

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testimony

From: Gregory Wong [gdiwong@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 9:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Kathy support letter - Greg

Attached is my letter of support for Katherine Puanan Kealoha to the position of Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards.

Via Email: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Kathy for over four years having served with her on the Board of the Kahala Community Association.

The Association is a voluntary neighborhood association whose primary purpose is to enforce the covenants contained in the deeds of our properties. Kathy has tirelessly served as board president, representing us in court, writing various articles for our newsletter, talked to many residents about their concerns and guiding us through the many challenges the Association has faced. In dealing with problems, Kathy sees both sides of the issue, and is fair to all. However, she is committed to doing what is right, even though it may be unpopular to some. She does this with no compensation and with steadfastness due to her commitment and love for her community.

Those in the neighborhood and Board appreciate her efforts, knowing all of her other responsibilities within the state and to her family.

I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I am confident she will do a good job in this capacity.

Thank you for your support.

2/26/2008

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testimony

From: Olive Zanakis [ozproductions@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 9:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Katherine Puana Kealoha appointment

Dear Senator Menor and Senator Hooser,

Thank you for the opportunity in expressing my great pleasure upon hearing Your committees' appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha To Director of Environmental Quality Control. I'd like to offer my full support in this appointment. I've lived in Hawaii my whole life; and have known Katherine for the past 30 yrs. I can't think of a more qualified person. Her passion , dedication, her sense of duty to the people of Hawaii make her an incredible asset. Once again thank you for your time it's not often I'm able to express my self on a State level and your committee has made me extremely excited for the future of Hawaii's environment.

Sincerely;

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testimony

From: Theresa.S.Marshall@hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:13 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Letter in Support of Katherine Kealoha

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

Re: Hearing of Thursday, February 28, 2008, 2:45 p.m.
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania

Dear Senators Menor and Hooser and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over eight years, and in that time, have formed an opinion of her as a highly principled and diligent person. I came to know her in my role as a criminal defense attorney. In our opposing roles, I have always found Katherine to be an ethical and diligent practitioner. To be able to steadfastly rely upon opposing counsel's word is both valuable and rare and that has been my consistent experience of Katherine.

Throughout the time of our acquaintance she has been dedicated to the preservation and protection of our environment as is demonstrated by the fact that she started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Honolulu. In that work as well in other cases, Katherine has been creative in finding resolutions, bearing in mind cost, stressors on the complainants, and both rehabilitative and punitive conditions for guilty parties. This sort of broad and solutions-directed thinking makes her uniquely qualified to work with the various stakeholders in preserving our environment.

As a citizen, I am pleased that Katherine is willing to take on this new challenge and urge you to confirm her in this position.

Respectfully,

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2/25/2008

testimony

From: Mow, Paul R. [pmow@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 4:16 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Katherine Puana Kealoha

Dear Chairperson Menor and other members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee,

I am writing as a private citizen in support of the nomination of Katherine Puana Kealoha for Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Ms. Kealoha since 1996 when we started together as new deputy prosecutors at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. From the first day on the job, Ms. Kealoha demonstrated the ability to quickly adapt to any work environment. She has a take charge style and possesses unique leadership abilities that will serve her well as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Protection of the environment has always been a high priority for her and she dedicated a significant portion of her time at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney as head of the Environmental Crimes Unit.

Katherine Puana Kealoha possesses integrity, fairness, knowledge and the wisdom required of this position. Preserving our land, air, and water for ourselves and future generations has always been her life's mission. Her solid background in both criminal law and in civil litigation will be an asset to the State of Hawaii. My recommendation is without any reservation and I respectfully ask that she be confirmed by your committee.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Mow

testimony

From: Kent Simpson [pbkent@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45
pm

Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
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415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over two decades. Over this time I have witnessed a natural curiosity and enjoyment of the outdoors develop into an appreciation and understanding of our impact on our limited resources.

As a result of her experiences and education she is now, more than ever, dedicated to the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

Katherine's professional accomplishments are well known. Recognizing the need for increased awareness she established the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office. Her commitment to environmental causes is also evident through her collaboration with and support of numerous agencies and grass roots organizations to maintain and preserve our natural resources.

Katherine's community involvement is further indication of her genuine concern for our environment.

She is currently serving as the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In Kahaluu, where she grew up, Katherine continues to participate in community meetings and is an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

While handling environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with environmental groups, community members, and private business in an effort to establish constructive dialog in addressing the environmental issues from different perspectives and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness.

Katherine's dedication, work ethic, and commitment to her efforts make her the best candidate for this position.

Thank you.

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From: Marc Ventura [marc@marcventura.com]
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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

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February 25, 2008

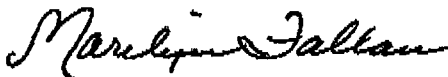
Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser and Committee Members:

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Katherine Kealoha as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over thirty years and have watched her grow into a honest, intelligent, hard-working and considerate adult. She certainly has all the qualifications necessary for this position; but also has the ability to handle difficult situations and work well with others. As an avid supporter of our natural resources, and sensitive to cultural values, Katherine will be an asset to this office.

I ask you to give her your full support.

Sincerely yours,



Marilyn Fallau

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415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for almost fifteen years. We attended law school together at the William S. Richardson School of law. We also worked together at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Through working with Katherine, I have witnessed her to be a strong and tireless advocate for the victims in her cases. She has always been willing to go above and beyond what is expected in order to seek justice.

Katherine has a love of Hawaii's ocean and environment which was fostered from her "country" roots in Kahaluu and fishing and diving with her family. She has applied her legal training to her passion for the environment and has successfully prosecuted environmental crimes at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Katherine is intelligent, highly skilled, and dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's unique environment. She possesses all of the qualities necessary for this position. For all of these reasons, I support the nomination of Katherine Kealoha as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Sincerely

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Via Email: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

RE: Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director of Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser and Committee Members:

I fully support the appointment of Ms. Katherine Kealoha to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Ms. Kealoha for many years, as she and I were opposing counsels in a number of cases while she worked for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and I worked for the Office of the Public Defender.

I have always found Ms. Kealoha to be a fair and honest person. She is pleasant, courteous, intelligent and a hard working attorney. In the cases we had in common, she was always well prepared, knowing both the facts and laws. In my interaction with her as opposing counsel, I found her to be an excellent advocate for her position. She also listened to and carefully considered what I had to say, even though our positions differed.

The Office of Environmental Quality Control will be well served by Ms. Kealoha as director for she possesses the intelligence, legal skills, character and love for the environment.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

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LETTER IN SUPPORT

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Kat for nearly five years, and in that time period our relationship has evolved from courtroom adversaries, to colleagues, and finally to friends.

I am a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. I first met Kat in a traffic case that she was defending. At the time, I was a brand new Prosecutor. She was easily more experienced than me. Not once did she even insinuate as much. While all of the other private attorneys were up at arms attempting to bully me into cutting their clients breaks, Kat just sat patiently and waited. When I finally got to speak to her, she began to explain the circumstances surrounding her client's ticket. I felt myself believing her. I wondered if I was having a moment of weakness. I called back to consult with my supervisor. My supervisor asked me one question: "Who is the Defense Attorney?" I said, "Kathy Kealoha." My supervisor stated, "Don't worry, you can trust Kathy." As you know in our small legal community, a lawyer's reputation is everything. Well, Kat's reputation speaks for itself.

To my good fortune, Kat left her private practice to return to our office. Her plan was to prosecute Environmental Crimes. At the time of her return however, she was needed in our Career Criminal Division. Kat carried a full felony case-load while simultaneously writing grants to support the prosecution of her first love, environmental crimes. Over the past year and a half, I thoroughly enjoyed having her around. She was always available to lend a hand, offer advice or provide a caring ear. We quickly became close friends.

I understand that because of my friendship with Kat, you may dismiss whatever weight, if any, that you might give this letter. At first glance, you may feel this is just another letter authored by a friend supporting another friend. Please understand that I do not make this recommendation lightly. I'll be the first to acknowledge that like all of us,

I do have friends who should not be in positions of authority. Quite simply, Kat is not one of those friends. She is more than qualified for this position. More importantly, she is of the perfect temperament to occupy a position of this stature. She genuinely cares about people and the environment.

As much as I will miss having her here, I take comfort in knowing that she will be doing the work that she truly loves.

Thank you for your support.

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testimony

From: TANA KEKINA [watsuptana@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 5:50 PM
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Subject: Letter in Support of Nominee Katherine Kealoha to the Office of Environmental Quality Control

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Honorable Ron Menor
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

February 26, 2008

Re: Letter in Support of Nominee Katherine Puana Kealoha to the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Dear Chairman Menor and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of the appointment of Katherine (Kathy) Kealoha to the position of Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control for the State of Hawaii. I have known Kathy for twelve years, and can attest to her good character, legal ability, and commitment to public service and our environment.

Kathy is an excellent attorney and committed public servant. She works hard to prepare every case and treats all witnesses and clients with respect. As a prosecutor, Kathy was aggressive and effective. She also had the passion and legal ability to launch the first environmental crimes unit in the Prosecutor's Office. In private practice, Kathy established herself and was well-respected as a Family Law and Criminal Defense attorney. In spite of her busy practice and schedule, she still made time to do pro bono cases, especially when asked to preserve and protect our environment.

However, Kathy's best strength is that she is a "people person." Her experience as a lawyer, prosecutor, community board member and professor proves that she can relate to all levels of people in our community. She is a local Hawaiian who loves Hawaii and will be akamai to Native issues, the people and our land.

Thank you for your time in considering my recommendation of Ms. Kealoha to serve the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tana Kekina-Cabaniero

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From: Rosie Lum [rosielum@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 9:28 PM
To: testimony
Subject: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF KATHERINE KEALOHA

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over ten years, and in that time period, she has been dedicated to the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with hard work and dedication she worked to support other agencies and environmental groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her past cases and her personal volunteer efforts.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental issue or problem, and prevent further destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, I first met Katherine when she was an active lobbyist for the Hawaii Audubon Society, and although she didn't live in our neighborhood then, she still volunteered and became a part of our coastal management team.. Soon thereafter she moved to Kahala and became an active community member. Katherine continues to be an asset to our community, and an avid supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Thank you for your support.

Rose Lum, Kahala Resident for over 40 years

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2/26/2008

Testimony in Support of Katherine Puana Kealoha

Via: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Legislature Public Access Room
State Capitol, Room #208

LETTER IN SUPPORT

To: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary Hooser, Vice-Chair

Re: Hearing Date: Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 p.m.
Appointment of Katherine Kealoha for Director, Office of Environmental
Quality Control

Senators and Committee Members:

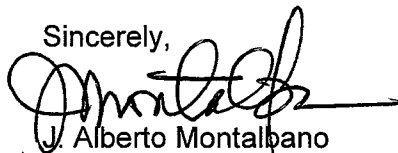
It is an honor and privilege to write in support of Katherine Kealoha for her appointment as Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have worked with Ms. Kealoha for many years and I am confident she will bring a fresh and needed spark to the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

In both her professional and personal life, Ms. Kealoha works to heal the damages done to our environment. As a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney she has been given the responsibility to pursue criminal action against environmental delinquents such as, those who used Clorox to poison the fish in our oceans, those who dumped motor oil down the sewers of our community and other cases of illegal disposal of environmental waste. As a citizen she is actively involved in many neighborhood boards and an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park clean up group. Her enthusiasm and gentle persuasion motivates others to participate in this arduous but necessary task.

On a professional level, Ms. Kealoha's work ethic and commitment to higher standard are beyond reproach. She has often had to juggle many laborious projects at once, and always maintains pleasant attitude in the face of adversity.

Ms. Kealoha has proven herself as an established litigator and devoted steward of Hawaii's most precious resource – its environment. Her expeditious confirmation to this post will serve the people of this State and the Governor well. Undoubtedly, her commitment to the environment, her skills as a litigator and her success as a businesswoman makes her the best candidate for the job. As a constituent, I ask for your support in confirming Ms. Kealoha.

Sincerely,



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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

In-Person Delivery:
Committee Clerk, Room 208, State Capitol

LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
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415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Katherine is a highly dedicated environmental attorney. Her legal experience and concern for the environment make her especially suited for this position.

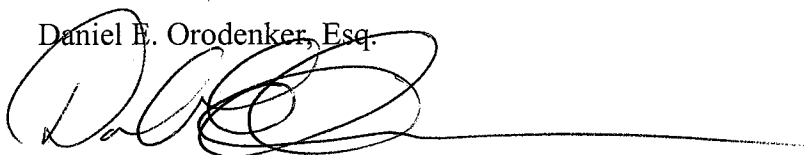
Katherine has worked with Environmental groups, community members, and private industry, businesses and with the University in the environmental arena. She has developed a practical understanding of the process involved with environmental law and the issues associated with its application.

Although I have not known Katherine long she is well known to my family and business associates. In all of my dealings with her and my family's and associate's dealings with her she has shown strength of character and high moral standards.

As someone who has worked in the environmental field, the law and in development, I urge your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. .

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Katherine's confirmation.

Daniel E. Orodener, Esq.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel E. Orodener", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

testimony

From: Lynne Miura [Lynne.Miura-Orodenker@hawaiiantel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: LETTER IN SUPPORT-Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm-Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

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Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication she worked to support other agencies in maintaining and preserving our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her cases and her personal volunteer efforts.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness. Given her background and history, she is the best candidate for this position.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, Katherine continues to participate in environmental community groups throughout our island chain, and is an active volunteer with the EAE (Educational Alliance for our Environment) National group of law enforcement professionals dedicated to the preservation of cultural values and the environmental sustainability of our Nation.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for this position.

Thank you for your support.

Aloha,
Lynne Miura

2/27/2008

testimony

From: Pang, Jeen Hee Kwak [jpang@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 8:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Katherine Kealoha as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control

February 27, 2008

Senator Ron Menor, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: In Support of
Katherine Puana Kealoha
Nominee, Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control
Senate Confirmation Hearing: 2/28/08 at 2:45 p.m.

Dear Senator Menor,

Governor Lingle made an excellent choice in nominating Katherine Kealoha as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Kathy for over a decade: at the William S. Richardson Law School, at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office as well as on a personal level.

As a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, she was my senior: her impressive experience as trial attorney made myself and other deputies consistently seek her for advice and assistance. Despite her own heavy case load, she is always eager to help, and tries to make herself available for many of us who are seeking her advice, even after working hours and on weekends. Despite her busy and stressful job, she always thanks her fellow deputies and staff for their hard work. As such, she is well-liked by her peers as well as her support staff. She always treats us fairly and with respect.

For a while, Kathy worked as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Environmental Crime Division in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney: she is very familiar with the related laws and cases. More importantly, she loves and cares deeply about our community and our environment. As a person, Kathy is a very warm and caring individual. Despite her stressful life as an experience Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, a mother and a wife, she always wears a smile and never forgets to say hello to people around her. Seeing her at the office, court or anywhere brings a smile to all of us. She is already an asset to our community as an excellent deputy prosecuting attorney, but I am confident that she will be even more of an asset as a Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Yours truly,

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2/27/2008

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Katherine and I worked together in the Career Criminal Division at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. From the time I started in that unit, Katherine has served as a mentor to other new deputies and me. Her door was always open to us. Her friendliness and positive attitude made it easy for me, as a new deputy with many questions, to approach her. Beyond being a great resource to new attorneys, Katherine is also an excellent attorney.

One incident that sticks out in my mind relating to Katherine's adept trial skills was when she was discussing a trial she was preparing for. Based on the facts, the case seemed "un-winnable." I had an opportunity to observe part of this trial. Katherine did an excellent job, especially in her cross-examination of the defense witnesses. From my observations, it was apparent that Katherine put a lot of work into the case. The jury must have agreed because they rendered a guilty verdict. This incident says a lot of her character. Many people would not have put in the time and effort that she did on this "un-winnable" case. Her guilty as charged conviction demonstrates that she is a person who will work hard, persevere, and prevail, even in seemingly impossible situations.

Katherine is also a great team player. Whenever I was in trial, she was always the first one to check up on me and ask if I needed help with anything. She graciously took the time from her busy schedule to stay late and discuss trial strategies with me. Through these discussions, it was apparent that she was a seasoned and experienced attorney.

Katherine's extensive background in the areas of criminal and environmental law make her the best candidate for this position. Her passion and expertise in these two areas of law was evident in my interactions with her.

Although I am happy for Katherine as she embarks on her new career, I am saddened to see her leave. Katherine's experience, knowledge, and unselfish willingness to help others will sorely be missed. Her departure is a great loss to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

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testimony

From: Jean E. Sato [jesato@hawaiiink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:48 AM
To: testimony

Via Email: Legislature's Public Access Room

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

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As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, Katherine grew up in Kahaluu, and continues to participate in community meetings in her parent's neighborhood area and is an active volunteer with the friends of Heeia State Park community clean up group.

As an attorney and member of many Boards and community activities on the outer-islands, Katherine is in touch with a wide range of community groups and grass roots efforts. Katherine continues to be an asset to our community, and an avid supporter of our natural resources, cultural values and environmental preservation.

As an active constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as

2/27/2008

Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the time and opportunity, Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.

Jean E. Sato
137 Melia Street
Kapaa, HI 96746

February 26, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
The Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Menor:

**Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of Nominee Katherine Puana Kealoha for
the position of Director for the Office of Environmental Quality
Control**

Passion. Intelligence. Integrity. Courage. As someone who has known and worked with Nominee Katherine Puana Kealoha for years, I can say with conviction that she possesses all four characteristics and will make an excellent Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

One would be hard pressed to find someone as passionate about environmental issues as Kathy. It is this passion that drove her to help establish an Environmental Crimes unit in our office and to be a strong advocate for the prosecution of crimes against the environment. Her intelligence and fierce work ethic enables her to tackle any problem head on. I have watched her first hand assess a problem, work to find an efficient, just, and effective solution, and then see the execution of the solution through to successful resolution. As for integrity, Kathy has always held a high ethical standard for herself and others. Her unblemished record and spotless reputation speak for itself. She is truly a woman of virtue and sound character. It is this strength of character that also allows her to speak up when she believes injustice is occurring. She has the courage to stand up for what is right, she has the courage to admit when she is wrong, she has the courage to tackle something bigger than herself for the greater good. Wrap all these traits together with a truly kind heart, and you have Kathy Kealoha.

If Ms. Kealoha is appointed as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, our office will lose a truly fine deputy, however our department's loss is our State's gain.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. I can be reached at 527-6440.

Very truly yours,

Lynne Y. Goto Uyema, Esq.

testimony

From: Mark Yuen [markyuen14@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: testimony re: Katherine Kealoha, Senate Committee of Energy and Environment, 2/28/08, 2:45 p.m.. Co

Senate Committee of Energy and Environment
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Katherine Kealoha's nomination for the post of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, hearing set for February 28, 2008, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 414.

To the Honorable Senator Ron Menor and other members of the Senate Committee of Energy and Environment:

I write this letter in order to support Ms. Katherine Kealoha's nomination for the post of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Ms. Kealoha in both a personal and professional capacity for approximately 15 years as we are classmates and graduates from the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law and we both began our professional careers at the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. We also worked many years together on the Family Court Section at the Prosecutor's Office.

I believe that Ms. Kealoha would be a strong candidate for the aforementioned post as Ms. Kealoha is a diligent, conscientious, and energetic worker. She also possesses superb people skills and in my opinion, would be able to manage her department efficiently. Ms. Kealoha also worked several years as the environmental prosecutor. I believe that experience in conjunction with her attitude and ability to work with others would serve her well in position for which she is being nominated.

In short, Ms. Kealoha is a truly gifted person. I have seen firsthand what kind of person that she is and I believe that her nomination as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control is well-deserved.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Yuen

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testimony

From: Rosie Lum [rosielum@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 11:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Fw: Support for Katherine Kealoha, Feb. 28 Confirmation

VIA: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator J. Kalani English:

We, the people of Maui county, as giving our name to this petition, ask for your support in the Confirmation of Katherine Kealoha. We submit this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. We have known Katherine for over twenty years, and in that time period, she has been dedicated to the preservation of our Environment.

Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and with perseverance and dedication she worked to support other agencies and grass roots groups to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been evident in her tasks, even here on Maui.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine has traveled to Maui on many occasions and chosen to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural resources through public education and awareness..

As active Community members, we give our names to support her efforts. During her travels to Maui, and through conversation we realized that Katherine's ancestors are from Maui, both on her mother's side and her father's side of the family. Her grandparents and great-grandparents were from Hana, Paia and she has still has many family members here on Maui and Molokai. More importantly, she continues the important role of all of our families, as Native Hawaiians, to protect and preserve our land, native culture and values.

We, as active constituents, as Katherine's family members, friends, and colleagues, do hereby

put our names in support of her Confirmation to allow Katherine to continue to be an asset to our community.. We ask for your support as our Senator. We ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Mahalo,

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Mrs. Myrna Kaholokula P.O. Box 861203 Pukalani, Maui 96768

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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LETTER IN SUPPORT OF KATHERINE KEALOHA

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conf. Rm 414, State Capitol 415 South Beretania St.

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

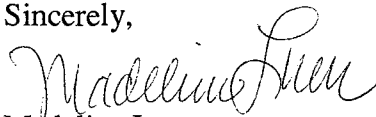
As an active constituent, I ask you all to support Katherine Puana Kealoha in her appointment as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Katherine has worked at the Prosecutor's office as an Environmental Prosecutor, and has done a great job of stopping illegal dumping in Mililani, Kaneohe, Liliha and Nuuanu. These are just a few of the places that I am aware of.

Katherine also supported the Department of Land and Natural Resources when they successfully sought to prosecute a fireman for using Clorox in our Ocean to kill fish. She made a point of working with our schools and children to teach them about environmental hazards. She worked with various fire departments and rescue squads to attend school functions about illegal dumping, the affects of hazardous waste and the importance of preserving our natural resources.

As a retired community member, I volunteer for many organizations and I have often watched Katherine act in a variety of roles, all for the benefit of the community. Over the past few years, she even attended community neighborhood meetings in the evening to talk to community members about setting up clean ups and gutter guards for the preservation of our land and water bodies, such as our streams and our ocean.

Katherine will be a great Director, who will assure our community the compliance of all parties to ensure the enforcement of the Hawaii revised Statute Section 343. Please help our community and support her nomination.

Sincerely,



Madeline Lum
1071 Alewa Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

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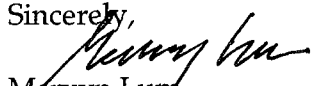
I support Katherine Kealoha in her appointment as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Kathy has been a friend for over ten years and she has always shown her fight for the preservation of our Environment. She knows how to balance the need for development and economical growth, with the necessity of the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

Born and raised in Hawaii, I know that our economy is essential to the success of our community, but I also know the sustainability of Hawaii is an essential issue that needs to be addressed at all times. Kathy has worked with private developers and corporations, government organizations, county workers and community groups and has always managed to get all sides to negotiate and understand the importance of preserving our natural resources, while allowing the needed growth of our community to continue. Although many of us have learned to respect the word of others, Kathy has really walked the walk in terms of fighting for what is right under the law.

I am a County worker and met Kathy while she was working on one of her usual Environmental projects. We all knew her position, she was professional and yet firm. Even the most obnoxious developers and mainland outsiders learned to do this her way, the right way, and following the law. We still shake our heads and wonder how cases were solved and dumping grounds were cleaned up; we even noticed that usual dumping grounds were left alone. We thank Kathy for her dedication and ability to get the community and private companies to follow the law.

Please support her nomination.

Sincerely,


Mervyn Lum

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Via: Committee Clerk, Room 208, State Capitol
TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair
CC: Senator Clayton Hee, Kaneohe/Kahaluu

Letter in Support: Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conf. Rm 414, State Capitol 415 South Beretania St.

Dear Senator Menor, Senator Hooser, Senator Hee and Committee:

I have known Katherine for over thirty years, and in that time period, she has dedicated her time and career to the ongoing preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

Katherine was born in Kailua, and moved to Kahaluu when she was about seven years old. She grew up at the Heeia Pier, and went to St. Ann's school in Kaneohe. She is a dedicated member of our Community, and we often call on her and her family when issues arise in the Community: such as drug houses, stopping development of sacred areas in Kahaluu, and the dumping that needed to be stopped across from the Heeia Kea Pier and Ulamau Village.

Katherine has worked with DLNR and law enforcement to get our community back from drug dealers and illegal dumpers. The Puana family has lived in Kahaluu prior to the early 40's when there were only swamp lands, and since that time, Katherine's family has kept the homestead land and Kuleana pono. Katherine has continued this legacy.

In speaking of her integrity and dedication to our environment, Katherine continues to work with our community of Kaneohe and Kahaluu, although she has lived on the East side of Oahu for over ten years. I know she also is active in her East-side community, but her heart remains on the Windward side.

I speak on behalf of myself, my six children and three grandchildren. I may not be the best writer, and I apologize for errors, but I must relay this important message to support Katherine- she has done good for our community.

Senators, please support Katherine in this appointment, the future of our Environment and the preservation of our Natural Resources depends on this Confirmation!

Mahalo Nui Loa,

The Apana Ohana from the original
Kahaluu Homestead, Namoku Road, and Waihee Road.

Via: Leg. Public Access Room, Committee Clerk, Rm 208, State Capitol

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair CC: Senator Clayton Hee

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF KATHERINE PUANA KEALOHA

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conf. Rm 414, State Capitol 415 South Beretania St.

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, Senator Clayton Hee and
Committee Members:

As an active constituent, I ask you all to support Katherine Puana Kealoha in her appointment as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Katherine has worked for many years as an Environmental Prosecutor, and has stopped illegal dumping in Kahaluu and worked with many agencies to stop the importation of illegal species into our unique and fragile environment.

Katherine has supported the Dept. of Agriculture and Dept. of Land and Natural Resources when they successfully sought to prosecute individuals who illegally dumped hazardous waste in Kaneohe Bay and smuggled illegal species into our State.

Katherine is all about working with various groups and seeking Environmental Justice for the State of Hawaii. She will be the best Environmental Compliance Director that our state has seen. Katherine is able to balance the many needs of our community with the needs of our natural environment.

With such great economic growth occurring, and such projects as the transit underway, we must advocate for an individual who will enforce the law. Katherine will be a great Director, who will assure our community the compliance and the enforcement of the Chapter 343. Please help our community and support her nomination!

Sincerely,

Genevieve Gildersleeve
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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

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LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

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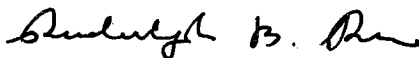
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While handling Environmental cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address the Environmental issue at hand, and prevent further harm to our natural resources through public education and awareness.

As an active Community member, Katherine is the President of the Kahala Community Association, where much of her time is spent dealing with residential code compliance issues and public awareness. In addition, Katherine continues to participate in environmental community groups throughout our island chain, and is an active volunteer and assisted in establishing the EAE (Educational Alliance for our Environment), a national group of law enforcement professionals dedicated to the preservation of cultural values and the environmental sustainability of our Nation.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,

Rudolph B. Puana, M.D.



NOTICE OF HEARING

Thursday, February 28, 2008
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street



To: Committee and Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

Dear Senators,

It is a pleasure for us, the Carmelite sisters of Hawaii, to write about Katherine Kealoha who seeks the appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

We have known Katherine since she was a little girl. All through these thirty long years we have constant contact with her since her mother has been volunteering her services to our community without interruption more than three decades. Even in her childhood Katherine demonstrated a well balanced personality, matured for her age, well educated in school and at home.

She grew up with a determination to be of service to the human society. That is why she has chosen law as her major in college and later on for her profession. It is her idea to use her knowledge and ability to contribute to the betterment of the moral and natural environment of the land she loves. Working for Environmental quality Control would be a real opportunity for her to realize her ideal and to expand her energy for the well being of society.

Thanking you for giving Katherine Kealoha your consideration, I am,

Sr. Agnes Marie Wong
Sr. Agnes Marie Wong O.C.D.
Prioress

Carmelite Monastery
6301 Pali Highway
Kaneohe, HI 96744

February 26, 2008

Senator Ron Menor
Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
The Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Menor:

**Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of Nominee Katherine Puana Kealoha for
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Control**


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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. I can be reached at 527-6440.

Very truly yours,



Lynne Y. Goto Uyema, Esq.



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February 26, 2008

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing dated Thursday, February 28, 2008
Appointment of Kathy Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capital
415- So. Beretania St.

Dear Sen. Menor, Sen. Hooser and Committee Members

I am writing to you today in Support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position Dir. Of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. As a fishermen, I have known Kathy for over 15 years and during that time I have seen her to be a very dedicated advocate of the Environment and of the laws governing the State of Hawaii.

For a long time, the State of Hawaii has struggled with various Environmental issues. Whether it be Land Use or our Marine Environment, Kathy has always been committed to doing the right thing when it comes to representing the logical and comprehensive management of these resources.

As the only Island State, Hawaii has not taken advantage of the various programs and funding that would enhance management of our environment and I sincerely believe that Kathy can bring about the change needed to not only enforce existing laws, but carve a new path that will allow Hawaii to move down a responsible and effective road to the future.

Hawaii has had no teeth in our enforcement and prosecution of existing laws and we have fallen short when taking into consideration what other states have done, with a lot less to loose. I firmly believe Kathy can be an effective leader in this regard and her appointment would benefit both the environment and the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Bob Enderson

TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF KATHERINE KEALOHA

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

Please support the nomination for Katherine Puana Kealoha because she is an advocate of our environment in Hawaii. Katherine knows how to balance the importance of economic growth, development and the sustainability of Hawaii's resources and our future.

Katherine is an attorney in Hawaii, and she has devoted her career to our community. Katherine started as an advocate for Environmental law as a lobbyist for the Hawaii Audoban Society. That is where Katherine found her passion, and she soon incorporated that into her legal career. Once she graduated from law school Katherine was working at the prosecutor's office, and began focusing a majority of her spare time on Environmental works in her community. Soon thereafter she began working on the development of the first Environmental Crimes unit within the Prosecutor's office.

Once in private practice Katherine volunteered for every Environmental project and community group that she could. She also took some large cases pro bono and worked out many complex cases dealing with developers and environmental compliance issues. Many state and federal organizations used her network and communication skills to resolve issues with private businesses.

Katherine has the ability to work with a variety of people and organizations towards the goal of preservation of our culture, natural resources and sustainability. Often these goals cross as become very complex, and I have seen first hand how Katherine has been able to handle and resolve these types of complex issues.

Katherine has proven her worth to the people of Hawaii, and I ask you to support her nomination.

Sincerely, 
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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair
Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Senate President

LETTER IN SUPPORT

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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, Senate President Hanabusa and
Committee Members:


I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of
Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for
over fifteen years, and in that time period, she has been dedicated to the preservation of
our natural resources in Hawaii.

Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's
office, and with perseverance she worked to support other agencies and individual groups
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been evident in her cases and her personal volunteer efforts.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with grass roots
groups, our community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to address
the Environmental crime at hand, and prevent further crimes and destruction of natural
resources through public education and awareness. Given her background, Katherine is
the best candidate for this position.

Katherine continues to be a protector of our natural resources and cultural values. These
are the values that she is passing on to her family, as she believes that knowledge and
education are the best protection our Environment can have for the future. As an active
constituent, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director
of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Thank you for your support.


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Resident of Laie and Kuliouou

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF KATHERINE KEALOHA

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
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Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conf. Rm 414, State Capitol 415 South Beretania St .

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

Please support Kathy Kealoha because she is always working in our community and making sure that we are okay. She came to our house because we had old cars from my son in the yard. We didn't have money to clean up the yard but she got the tow trucks and people from down the street and the firehouse to help make the yard clean.

I told the people I wasn't going to clean up the junk because I didn't know how to do it and I was shame. She said she was worried about the kids from Kahaluu elementary who walk by and the bugs living in the old cars. I told her okay and she got people do it for free.

Carlos towing and the ultimate yard service did it.

Pick her for the job because she will get it done.

Mahalo-Pakele 

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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
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Senator Clayton Hee

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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

As an active Kaneohe resident, I ask you all to support Katherine Puana Kealoha in her appointment as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Kathy has been with us for over 8 consistent years of clean up for Heeia State park and was leading the group in the restructure and clean up of the Heeia State Pier. It took a hardworking community to get rid of the illegal dumping and illegal drug deals in the area, and Kathy was instrumental in the entire set up. She was called in as an active spokesperson for Kahaluu families, but also happened to be a Prosecutor at the time. She worked with HPD and DLNR Law enforcement officers and made a big difference in our community.

As busy as Kathy was she knew her community needed help, and she stood her ground- we were going to clean up the area, get rid of the criminals and have a safe community for our families- and that is what we did. Kathy comes from a long family history of fishermen and laborers, and even though she is an attorney she was digging holes, pulling weeds, cleaning up rubbish and planting grass like the rest of us. There were other people who came to meetings and talked a whole lot, but none of them showed up when it was time for the real clean up work. Kathy was there sweating with the rest of us!

If you want a community leader that is strong, active, hard working, dedicated and willing to do the right thing, then support Kathy Kealoha's nomination and make sure that she is Confirmed, because that is what Hawaii needs!

Sincerely,


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Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

I have lived in Kuliouou for over thirty years, and I am an active member of the East Oahu Community. I ask you Honorable Senators to support Katherine Kealoha because she is an active community member who goes out of her way to ensure Environmental compliance is enforced all over the island. I know that Katherine is also active in her community church and is a Board member at Star of the Sea School.

Katherine has worked on Environmental issues in our neighborhood for many years, especially when we first started having water and sewer main trouble. There was a sewer spill in Kuliouou years back and even though there was no crime being committed she still kept in touch with all of us and was more like a go-between with the State and City agencies.

I support the nomination of Katherine Kealoha because she is one individual that loves the environment and natural resources, but understands how to handle and work with private groups and agencies that maintain infrastructure and utilities. Environmental compliance will be upheld if Katherine Kealoha is Confirmed as the Director of OEQC!

Sincerely,



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TO: Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair

LETTER IN SUPPORT

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45 pm
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Ron Menor, Senator Gary Hooser, and Committee Members:

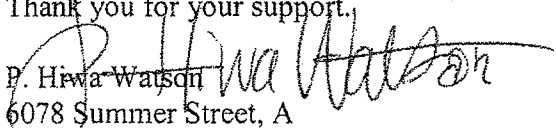
I am writing this letter in support of Katherine Kealoha's appointment to the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for about nine years, and it is clear that she is dedicated to the preservation of our Environment in Hawaii.

Katherine started the first Environmental Crimes Unit in the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, and work quite diligently to maintain and preserve our natural resources. Her dedication to our Environment has been very vocal in all of her cases and her personal volunteer efforts in many different communities. I first met Katherine while on the Big Island and she was researching some water pollution case, which I had later read about in the paper.

While handling Environmental crimes cases, Katherine chose to work with Environmental groups, outer island community members, and private industry businesses in each case, to deal with the basic crime, and make everyone aware of the situation so people are educated and the matter does not occur again. Given her background and history, she is the best candidate for this position.

As an active community member and voter, I ask for your support in the appointment of Katherine Kealoha, as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. Given the opportunity, I know that Katherine will prove that she is the best and most dedicated candidate for the preservation of our Environment.

Thank you for your support.


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TESTIMONY
Confirmation Hearings: K. Kealoha
Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control

Submitted By: Wesley C. MUNDY

Date: 02-28-08

Distinguished Legislators and members of the community in attendance. My name is Wesley C. Mundy and I would like to submit testimony in support of Mrs. Kealoha's appointment as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

My background is that for the past ten years I have been employed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources/ Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement as a Conservation Police Officer. I am currently the Field/Operations Supervisor for the Leeward Coast of Oahu, covering an area from Hickam Air Force Base to Kaena Point/Makua, and have spent literally thousands of hours investigating violations of Hawaii's Resource and Environmental Laws as well as taking enforcement action against violators.


I have had the great privilege to work with Mrs. Kealoha during her time as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and during her time in Private Practice and can attest to her passion for Hawaii's Environment and extensive knowledge of it's Environmental and Resource Laws as well as her reputation in the Resources Enforcement Community.

Mrs. Kealoha though not assigned specifically to prosecute Environmental and Resource cases from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, would often take on these cases, despite an already daunting caseload, and aggressively prosecute offenders. Her extensive knowledge of the law often proved invaluable and was a source of reference and learning for myself and many other officers in the department. Without her support we would not have been able to do our jobs effectively.

That said, though I do not represent the Department of Land and Natural Resources with this testimony, I feel I can speak from a position of knowledge and experience and strongly urge your support of Mrs. Kealoha for the position of the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Thank you for your time and effort in this matter,

Sincerely,



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Sen. Ron Menor, Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment

Thursday, February 28, 2008

2:45 a.m. Room 414

Testimony in support of GM 434, Katherine Puana Kealoha, Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Aloha Chair Menor and members of the committee. I have known and worked with “Kathy” for the last eight years. As a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, “Kathy” has provided valuable advice to us in Wai’anae, on how to prosecute fishery violations, including a procedure by which to request a special, more experienced prosecutor, to handle important cases.

“Kathy has a great temperament and works very easily with others, especially across agency jurisdictions.

Please confirm Katherine Puana Kealoha for Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Mahalo, for the opportunity to testify.

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I am honored to be nominated by the Governor, for your Committee's consideration and confirmation by the Senate, for the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I hereto submit my resume for your perusal.

As a Native Hawaiian, I was born and raised on the windward side of Oahu, and I have always been active in community affairs and community service since a young age. My parents and grandparents have taught me three important keys in life, which I carry with me in all that I do.

First, knowledge is essential, and therefore education is a necessity and not a luxury in obtaining and maintaining knowledge. Second, know where you came from and how you got there. Understanding the legacy of our ancestors is key because it has provided our foundation for values, culture and respect. Lastly, but most importantly, is gratitude. Experience has taught me that only when you are truly grateful can you understand the meaning of what we all have, why we need to preserve our culture and environment, and seek ways to sustain ourselves for the future.

In seeking to be confirmed for this position, I can assure this Honorable panel that I will abide by the law, seek compliance and provide guidance for those parties who wish to work within the means of Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and use the foundation of the law to assure sustainability in Hawaii; maintaining a true balance of economic and developmental importance, while assuring the preservation of our fragile natural resources.

As a Prosecutor, I helped to establish the first environmental crimes unit, because I know how important our environment is to our island State. In establishing this unit, it became quite evident that our first priority would have to be public awareness, education and regulatory compliance. The structure and philosophy of our unit was quite similar to that of the foundation and intent behind the establishment of Office of Environmental Quality Control.

With the establishment of new energy sources, the concern regarding our fragile natural resources, our increased development and population, and the inter-relation to our State's sustainability and economy, it is essential to have a Director that is focused, knowledgeable and dedicated to the future of Hawaii. Given the opportunity, I will prove that I am the best person for this position. I thank you for your time and consideration, and I ask for your support and confirmation for the position of Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Aloha,

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