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Senator Ron Menor, Chair
Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice-Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
The Senate
State Capitol
415 South King Street
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Re: GM 434 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Office of Environmental Quality Control at Department of Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Catherine Kealoha for a term to expire 06-30-2011

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 434, submitting the nomination of Katherine Puana Kealoha to serve as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control, which will be heard by your Committee on February 28, 2008.

She brings with her wealth of knowledge and experience in environmental matters. In addition, Ms. Kealoha is diligent and hardworking and will contribute greatly to accomplishing the tasks and actions which the Office of Environmental Quality Control will address.

I thank the members of the Committee for the opportunity to testify in strong support of his nomination.

Very truly yours,

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