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

RE: Hearing Dated Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:45pm
Appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha
Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in show of support for the appointment of Katherine Puana Kealoha as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. I have known Katherine for over ten years, and can testify to her character, both professionally and personally.

Katherine is a person of the highest moral ground. She demonstrates integrity and conscienciousness in her conduct as an attorney, a prosecutor, a wife, a mother and a friend. Katherine has gained the respect and admiration of her peers, leaders, friends and family. She is a woman of great strength, with a solid foundation that stems from her sloseknit family and supportive upbringing. She is no stranger to hard work and dedication, and often superceeds the expecatations set for her. Katherine is an overachiever, who summons great leadership, as well as makes for a great team player. Her openness to new ideas and perspectives make her an invaluable asset to any employer or organization.

Katherine is an advocate for any all all things worthy. She navigates herself through sheer determination and perseverance. She is a strong proponent for the Hawaiian culture and our valuable natural resources.

Katherine graduated with her Juris Doctorate degress in 1995. Since that time, she has worked ardently at different positions. Katherine's past experience covers a spectrum of roles, including a professor of law (1996-present), attorney with her own thriving private practice (2001-2006), and Deputy prosecutor (1995-2001; 2006-present). In addition to these, she is a full time mother and wife to a very loving and supportive family.

Katherine's accomplishments speak for themself, but her hard work and dedication never go unnoticed or unappreciated. Katherine possesses a careful balance of assertiveness and diplomacy, which make her a natural leader and role model.

I strongly support Katherine Puana Kealoha in all of her future endeavors. It has been my pleasure to know her.

Warmest Regards,

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