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TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 457, regarding the appointment of Joseph C. Sniezek, M.D., F.A.C.S., to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Sniezek's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Dr. Sniezek and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Dr. Sniezek, I believe that he meets the statutory requirements to

serve on the Board, and that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner.

Dr. Sniezek is currently the Chief of Head and Neck Surgery and the Residency Program Director of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at Tripler Army Medical Center. As an otolaryngologist, Dr. Sniezek is familiar with the role that speech pathologists play in treating patients, as he works closely with them and considers them a vital complement to his work.

In addition to the practice of medicine and surgery, Dr. Sniezek is also involved in professional medical associations. He currently sits on the Head and Neck Education and the Microvascular Committees of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery.

A West Point graduate, Dr. Sniezek also has a strong desire to give back to the community. As an Associate Clinical Professor in the Surgery Department of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Dr. Sniezek has demonstrated a willingness to pass on his medical skill and knowledge to those who are training to become our future doctors. Dr. Sniezek views serving on the Board as another avenue to serve our community.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Sniezek will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Sniezek's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Dr. Sniezek's behalf.