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9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 567.**

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

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 567, regarding the appointment of Thomas S. Kosasa, M.D., to the Board of Medical Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kosasa's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Kosasa is being appointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since February 1, 1975, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Kosasa previously has served on the Board from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2003. He was a reliable member and had excellent attendance at Board meetings. He came well prepared, having read and reviewed all materials and documents provided to

Board members prior to meetings. As a result, he was able to discuss the business at hand and offer guidance to the Board on issues ranging from physician sanctions to inquiries regarding major surgery.

Owing to his many years of experience as a practitioner, the Board on many occasions asked for his thoughts and guidance on complicated issues before it. By bringing his knowledge, background and expertise to discussions, he offered a unique perspective. Because of this, the Board had the necessary information and knowledge on which to base its decisions.

As a former Board member, Dr. Kosasa served with dedication and commitment. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Kosasa to the Board of Medical Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TO: Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing

RE: GM 567 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Medical Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS S. KOSASA MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

We strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Kosasa for a position on the Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Kosasa is an outstanding OB-GYN and surgeon. Absent his medical and surgical skills we would not be parents of a bright, 9 year old son. We only one family among hundreds, or thousands that Dr. Kosasa has benefited.

Very truly yours

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