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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman

Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 228 Honolulu, HI 96813

SB2435 / HB2272

Re:

October 15, 2007

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I would like to submit this letter in support of the bill submitted to amend existing language in HRS 76-77 Exemption #16. The proposed amendment would enable public agencies (County and State Governments) to contract for personal services with qualified community rehabilitation programs as defined in statute HRS 103D section 1001. This amendment would remove the, maximum contract limit form such contracts.

To:

Contracting opportunities with qualified community rehabilitation programs provide much needed employment opportunities for Hawaii's most under/underemployed segment of our population and enables workers with disabilities to become contributing members of our communities.

I urge you and the members of your committee to support this proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely.

Gretchen Lawson, CEO





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Re: Letter of Support to amend HRS 76-77 Exemption # 16

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I urge you and the members of your committee to support this proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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October 10, 2007

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Thank you for your consideration and support.

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