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Rep. Rida Cabanilla
Chair, Committee on International Affairs

Re: Testimony in Strong Support for HCR103/HR85 Relating to the Establishment of Sister-Province Relationship Between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental

Hearing Date: March 24, 2008, 9:30 a.m., Room 329

Dear Chair Cabanilla,

My name is Abundio Saramosing, President of the Cebuano Association of Hawaii.

I am writing in strong support for HCR103/HR85 Relating to the Establishment of Sister State-Province Relationship Between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental.

Negros Oriental is one of the Visayan provinces in Central Philippines where many of the early Filipino Sakadas came from, and many of their descendants still live in Hawaii. In addition, it is the site of one of the foremost universities in the Philippines-Silliman University. Establishing a sister relationship with this province could lead to educational, cultural, and economic exchanges which would be beneficial to the State of Hawaii and the province of Negros Oriental.

For these reasons, I urge your committee to pass HCR103/HR85.

Very truly yours,

Abundio Saramosing
President

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