



March 10, 2008

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Committee on Health
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Conference Room 329
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

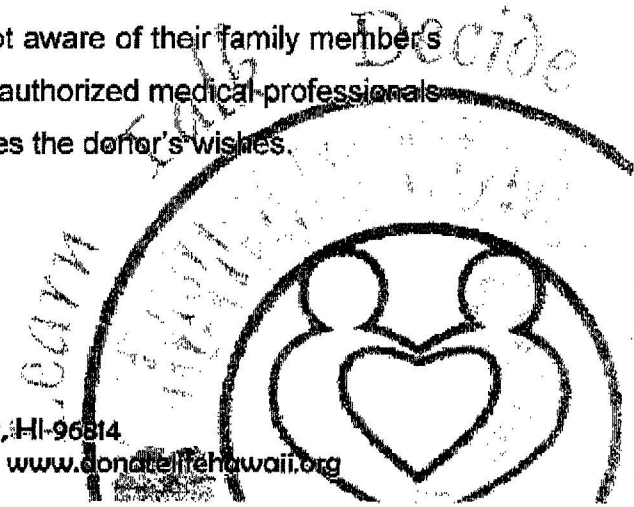
RE: S.B. No. 2104 – Relating to the Organ Donor Registry

Dear Chairman Green and Vice-Chair Mizuno and members of the State House Health Committee,

I am Glen Hayashida, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (NKFH) and member of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation. It is my privilege to support SB 2104.

An established Donor Registry will give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to sign-up to be donors and have access to their information online as well as through the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. The registry will give organ and tissue donors the ability to notify their family and friends of their wishes, making their decision to donate a matter of record.

Often family members of potential donors are not aware of their family member's wish to donate. A registry will allow donors and authorized medical professionals to obtain a document of consent that clearly states the donor's wishes.





National research shows that although 98% of Americans support donation, only 30% knows the essential steps to take to become a donor. Others allow misconceptions, fears, and misinformation to prevent them from making a decision.

This Donor Registry will make it easier for the public to sign up to become an organ and tissue donor. It will also aid in making an organ donor's wishes more clearly known to their family members and loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration.



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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Wednesday, March 12, 2008
8:00 AM Room 329, State Capitol

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2104 SD1

By

**Stephen A. Kula, Ph.D., NHA
Executive Director, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii**

My name is Dr. Steve Kula; I am the Executive Director of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, (ODCH). I submit my testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **SB2104 SD1**. We believe that this Bill would save lives and provide needed assistance to the citizens of our State who wish to be donors and help someone in need of an organ transplant. Currently in the State of Hawaii more people are added to the organ transplant waitlist than are able to be transplanted off of it. In the past few years we have been declining in the number of donors and thus the number of organs and transplantations. Consequently more patients are dying while on the waitlist or being removed because they are too sick to be transplanted.

We believe that our community should be a society where people see organ donation as a social responsibility. In such a society, donating organs would be accepted as a normal part of dying, and in cases where a person died without recording a specific choice about donating his or her organs, the surviving family members would be comfortable giving permission. To achieve this there must be some mechanism for everyone to access information and be given the opportunity to give an informed consent to donate their organs so that others might live.

Organ donor designation on Hawaii driver's licenses has shown to have significant impact in predisposing potential donor families to consent for donation, where 94% of families consented to donation when their loved one had indicated so on his or her Hawaii driver's license as compared to an overall consent rate of less than 50%. If this bill is enacted we would be able to offer everyone, not just those who are able to drive, the ability to choose to be or not to be an organ donor.

The appropriated amount does not need to be very much if anything at all. The Department of Health currently has a grant application into the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, (HRSA) for the sum of \$150,000.00 but will not know the outcome of that application until sometime prior to the start date of August 1, 2008. ODCH is also working on private funding and in-kind services to help supplement funds for public education and development. Other affected agencies, i.e. National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, have also agreed to do their specific parts of the registry project with in-kind services as well. We ask that you accept the attached amendment to reflect this arrangement.

Please allow us to establish a statewide organ donor registry by passing this important piece of legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

AMENDMENT

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii Organ Procurement Organization for the establishment of a statewide organ donor registry, provided that no funds shall be released pursuant to this Act if funds are received from federal funds, other private funds, or a combination thereof.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.



UNITED FILIPINO COUNCIL OF HAWAII

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House Health Committee

Representative Josh Green, Chair

Representative John Mizuno, Vice-Chair

House Health Committee Members

Relating to Organ Donor Registry

Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

Dear Chair Josh Green, Vice-Chair John Mizuno, and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am Bryan Andaya, president of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (the Council). Founded in 1959 to help Filipinos in Hawaii play a larger role in the State of Hawaii, the mission of the Council is to promote a sense of unity, friendship, camaraderie and mutual assistance among Filipinos in Hawaii while promoting and perpetuating the Filipino heritage and culture. Today, the Council consists of six Island Councils with jurisdiction over 100+ Filipino organizations and a combined membership of about 10,000 from every major island in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 SD1, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. A registry will benefit Hawai'i's people by addressing the critical shortage of organs for transplantation. This measure would facilitate improvements in health planning, education, and evaluation of support needed not only for patients, but also for health care providers and institutions.

We appreciate your consideration of the benefits of this life saving legislation to justify passage of SB 2104 SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Andaya

UFCH President



Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.

... a non-profit organization with a mission to address the international nursing shortage by providing guidance and assistance for nursing colleagues to obtain their professional license in nursing.

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF Sb 2104 SD1

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Relating to Organ Donor Registry
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

House Committee on Health
Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
Honorable House Health Committee Members

Dear Honorable Josh Green, Chair; Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair,
and distinguished Members of the House Health Committee:

My name is Bea Ramos Razon, president and founder of Nursing Advocates and Mentors Inc. With more than 75 members and supporters, NAMI was established to address the nursing global shortage and its impact in Hawai'i, by providing training and mentoring to foreign medical nurses, in order to pass the U.S. nursing board exams.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 SD1, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. This bill would:

- encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- help to increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- save the lives of critically ill patients who need organ transplant
- address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation, as similar legislation has been enacted or is pending in other states.

Your deliberation to support passage of SB 2104 SD1 is most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2104 SD1

House Committee on Health

Hon. Josh Green, Chair & Hon. John Mizuno, Vice-Chair

Hon. Members of the House Committee on Health

March 10, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 329

Relating to Organ Donor Registry.

Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

To:

Hon. Josh Green, Chair; Hon. John Mizuno, Vice-Chair; Hon. Members of the House Committee on Health

From:

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D.

Vice Chair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Region XII

My name is Amy Agbayani. I serve as Vice Chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII, which represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. NaFFAA Region XII is an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey the high regard and confidence of the Filipino community in supporting Sb 2104 SD1, to establish a statewide organ donor registry. As longtime advocates to address the disparities that persist for organ donors and recipients alike, Filipinos in Hawai'i have played a vital role in community outreach and education, thereby significantly increasing the numbers of registered potential and actual organ donors from our community. In just a few years, under the competent leadership of Mr. Tony Sagayadoro and countless community collaborations, Filipinos have become a nationally recognized educational and behavioral change model for other states to replicate for organ donor registration outcomes. Consequently, the need to create and maintain a statewide organ donor registry has become the next imperative step to this lifesaving health initiative.

Thank you for considering the years of capacity building contributed in kind by Hawai'i's phenomenal volunteers, in order to get to this point of needing an organ donor registry. We thank you for considering to do your part to enact Sb 2104 SD1. Your support will ensure continued progress to save lives, as well as a continued commitment of community partnerships to give back for the well being of all of Hawai'i's people.

Sincerely,

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D., Vice Chair, NaFFAA Region XII

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2104 SD1

House Committee on Health

Honorable Josh Green, Chair

Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair

Honorable House Health Committee Members

When: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:00 a.m.

Where: Conference Room 329

Re: Organ Donor Registry. Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

To:

Honorable Josh Green, Chair

Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health

From:

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH

President, Filipino Coalition For Solidarity

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, I am submitting testimony in strong support of this bill. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 SD1, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. This bill is needed to build the capacity to collect, analyze, track, and evaluate services, policies, and progress in the lifesaving business and mission of providing the gift of life to hundreds of Hawai'i residents who are in need of organ transplants, as well as those who are potential organ donors. A statewide organ donor registry also enables good stewardship of limited resources to meet fiduciary responsibilities to the public.

Thank you for your hard work in determining the merits and benefits of SB 2104 SD1. Your help in its passage can save many lives who will contribute to giving back to our community in many untold, but invaluable ways.

Respectfully,

Charlene Cuaresma

President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

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Filipino American Citizens League

Jake Manegdeg, President
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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2104 SD1

House Committee on Health

Hon. Josh Green, Chair & Hon. John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
Hon. Members of the House Committee on Health

When: March 12, 2008, 8:00 a.m.
Where: Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 329
To: Honorable Josh Green, Chair and Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
Honorable Members of the House Health Committee
From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League
What: Relating to Organ Donor Registry. Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I am proud to submit our full support of SB 2104 SD1. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

Our members are grateful for this opportunity to advocate for a statewide organ donor registry. Public health measures to prevent deaths through education, research, and training have made great strides in informing stakeholders at the grassroots level, as well as in the public and private sectors, about the lifesaving benefits of health promotion and life style changes. Despite this, the need for organ donation continues to increase globally, nationally, as well as in Hawaii. SB 2104 SD1 will aid in generating much needed coordination in planning and program development tools in order to better serve and provide accountability to the patients, general public, health care providers, and health care-related systems.

Thank you for weighing the pros and cons of establishing a statewide organ donor registry.

We urge you to please pass SB 2104 SD1.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg
President
Filipino American Citizens League

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Tessie Oculito, RN, President

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2104 SD1

House Health Committee
Rep. Josh Green, Chair
Rep. John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
House Health Committee Members

Date: Wednesday, March 12

Time: 8:00AM

Place: Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 329

Relating to Organ Donor Registry
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

To:

Rep. Josh Green, Chair; Rep. John Mizuno, Vice-Chair; & House Health Committee Members

My name is Tessie Oculito. I am speaking as president of the Philippine Nurses Association-Hawaii, which has a membership of over 70 registered nurses. As a national affiliate of the Philippine Nurses Association of America, our shared mission is to uphold and foster the positive image and welfare of our constituent members; to promote professional excellence and contribute to significant outcomes to healthcare and society.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 SD1, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. For years, our members have diligently, and in good faith, volunteered to provide organ donor education to the Filipino community. Filipinos have gone from having among the nation's lowest potential organ donor registration rates to among the highest. As a result, we have significantly increased actual donor rates. Now is the time to support this measure that will create a statewide organ donor registry for greater efficiency in health care delivery and community education to meet the critical shortage and delicate challenge of respectfully matching potential donors with patients, often under the most tragic and shocking circumstances for the donor families and loved ones.

Thank you for contemplating the benefits of creating a statewide organ donor registry. Your support to vote yes on SB 2104 SD1 can make a difference to turn adversity into a gift of life.

Sincerely,

Tessie Oculito, RN
President, Philippine Nurses Association – Hawaii

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March 10, 2008

**Before
Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Health**

Public Hearing – 8:00AM Monday, March 12, 2008 - Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 2104 SD1 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

**The Honorable Josh Green, Chair; Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
and members of the committee:**

**I applaud the introduction of SB 2104 SD1 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry and I am
submitting testimony in full support of the passage of this measure.**

My name is Tony L. Sagayadoro, Program Coordinator of the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), a minority outreach program of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. MOTTEP is also a founding member of the Hawaii Coalition on Organ Donation.

Since the passage of Act 88 in year 1999, which provided the Clinical Staff of Organ Donor Center of Hawaii 24 hour access to Hawaii Driver's License Information to know whether Organ Donor designation was indicated on the driver's license, more lives have been saved. Organ Donor designation on Hawaii Driver's license have shown significant impact on families knowing their loved one's wishes, 94% of families approached consented to donation knowing that their loved had indicated their wishes to be an organ donor on their driver's license compared to an overall consent rate of less than 50%.

The sad part the number of patients waiting for organ transplant continue to increase at a very alarming rate, there are more patients waiting and the number continue to increase everyday. Any of these patients can be anyone of us, our neighbor, families, friends or anyone that we know.

On the positive note through the collaboration and partnership of different agencies involved in the promotion of organ and tissue donation and the formation of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation (HCOD) has produced encouraging results. During the past seven years, the number of drivers who signed up as organ donor had increased. And having a Statewide Organ Donor Registry will encourage and more individuals will have the opportunity to have their wishes documented by signing up to be included in the donor registry.

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January 21, 2008

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On behalf of the Advisory Board Member of MOTTEP, we fully support the passage of SB 2104 to encourage more people to serve as organ donors by registering to the Statewide Organ Donor Registry to help increase available organs and tissue for transplantation to save the lives of patients in need organ transplants.

Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) educational efforts are now making a difference. The increase in Filipino donors in the past so many years is a validation that public education works and more lives are saved due to this effort. More Filipino families now have been choosing to donate than those who declined. This is very significant that Filipinos is now one of the population groups having a "positive" consent rate compared to the early stage of the program.

We fully believe that SB 2104 SD1 will produce positive results like other states that had enacted the establishment of a Statewide Organ Donor Registry.

We urge that you give SB 2104 SD1 your favorable consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tony L. Sagayadoro
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***"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle,
and the life of the candle will not be shortened.
Happiness never decreases by being shared."***

Buddha, Indian philosopher & religious leader

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February 4, 2008

**Before
Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Health**

Public Hearing – 8:00AM Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 2104 SD1– Relating to Organ Donor Registry - Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

**The Honorable Josh Green, Chair; Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
and members of the committee:**

My name is Clementina Ceria-Ulep, a faculty at the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Department of Nursing. As a staff nurse in the past and present call-in nursing supervisor at one of our local hospitals, I have seen the positive impact of organ transplantation. I have taken care of patients with kidney transplants who receive another chance and the happiness, gratitude and deep appreciation this brings to them and their family for the precious gift of life. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 SD1 which establishes a statewide organ donor registry

I fully support the passage of SB 2104 SD1 for the following reasons:

- encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- helps increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- saves the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant
- Most states have already passed similar legislation to address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation and other states have pending legislation.

We urge that you give SB 2104 SD1 your favorable consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep

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Before
Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Health

Public Hearing - 8:00AM Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - Conference Room 329

March 11, 2008

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 2104 SD1 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair; Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Nancy Atmospera-Walch and an avid supporter of The Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. In fact, I believe in their mission so much, I offered to Co-Chair their 1st Annual Gala Dinner and Dance Fundraising Event which was held on December 1, 2007.

As a nurse who worked initially in the Neuro Trauma Orthopedic Unit at The Queen's Medical Center, I saw both sides of the patient. One extreme, is the young patient who was in an accident but could not be saved due to multiple injuries but would have been an excellent DONOR, if before the accident he/she would have been aware of Organ Donor program and decided to be an Organ Donor. The other extreme, is the patient who has been waiting for organ to match his/her needs. If the Organ Donor program is more prominent and the community is aware of it through education, I am quite sure that we would have more people in the state of Hawaii agreeing to be a Donor. Personally, I know three wonderful people who have been the recipient of organs and without those organs these friends would not be here today. So, how could we improve or increase the numbers of donors? There are several ways but having a statewide organ donor registry would certainly be a great strategy.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 SD1 which establishes a statewide organ donor registry

I fully support the passage of SB 2104 SD1 for the following reasons:

- To encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- To help increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- To save the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant
- Most states have already passed similar legislation to address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation and other states have pending legislation which had shown positive changes

We urge that you give SB 2104 SD1 your favorable consideration.

Thank you.

Warmest Aloha,

Nancy Atmospera-Walch

Nancy Atmospera-Walch, RN, MPH, NHA, CHES, CCHN



Case Management Professionals, Inc.

TO: House Committee on Health
Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

FROM: Agnes Reyes, RN

RE: Testimony in Full Support of SB 2104 SD1

My name is Agnes Reyes, a registered nurse, a case manager, a volunteer for MOTTEP, and a friend or a healthcare professional who know individuals who might be in need of tissue and organ donation in the future.

I fully support the SB 2104 SD1 which will establish a Statewide Organ Donor Registry.

This bill will not only promote organ donation but also facilitate and streamline organ donation registration and education, centralization, accuracy and availability of information, timely accessibility of data for reporting and quality improvement thus “Promoting Saving Lives.” Life is precious and there is no better gift to others than the “Gift of Life”.

Please allow full consideration of this bill as an instrument of saving lives.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Agnes Reyes

Lynne V. Gutierrez
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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Regular Session 2008
House Committee On Health

8:00A.M. - Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

RE: Testimony in support of SB 2104 SD1– Relating to Organ Donor
Registry

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair; Honorable John Mizuno, Vice-Chair; and members of the committee:

My name is Lynne V. Gutierrez, I am the immediate past president of Oahu Filipino Community Council; a special education teacher and a current member of the Bayanihan/Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Advisory Board.

I am appealing for your full support of this bill for the following reason:

- To encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- To help increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- To save the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant

Thousand of these people can be helped if more of us are to become organ donor, each of us has the power to do this. Patients are dying in great numbers while waiting. These people could be anybody, it could be us, our family, friends, neighbors or anyone you know. I therefore urge that you pass SB 2104 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lynne V. Gutierrez