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To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs

Subject: Confirmation of Rom A. Trader to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit

Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs. My name is Pamela Ferguson-Brey and I am testifying today in strong support of the confirmation of Rom A. Trader to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

During Mr. Trader's 20-year tenure as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney he has consistently demonstrated the qualities necessary to serve as a judge. Mr. Trader has demonstrated legal ability and experience and acted as a strong and compassionate advocate for crime victims and others in our community who have sought justice before the Courts.

Mr. Trader and I have been acquainted for more than twenty years. We first met in law school in 1984 and later served together as Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys for seven years at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney in Honolulu. I later worked with Mr. Trader when I was the Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women on issues relating to sexual assault and domestic violence. In my current position as the Executive Director of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission we have continued to work together on victim's rights issues. During our long association, I have know Mr. Trader to be a highly skilled trial attorney in practice and by reputation, as well as a compassionate advocate for the crime victims served by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Trader's has extensive trial experience, including over sixty (60) jury trials. The cases he has tried have involved some of the most difficult cases to prosecute: homicides; sexual assaults; and domestic violence assaults. As a result of his superior trial skills and strong leadership abilities, Mr. Trader was selected to be a supervisor by the Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Trader currently mentors and trains about thirty trial prosecutors.

It in his current capacity as a supervisor that I have most recently worked with Mr. Trader. The Crime Victim Compensation Commission has worked with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney over the last year on a restitution training and monitoring project to ensure that crime victims are reimbursed for their crime related expenses. Through this joint effort we

are working to ensure that the financial impact of crime on violent crime victims is substantially mitigated.

Through his participation in this project, and his work over our twenty year association, Mr. Trader has demonstrated sensitivity and understanding of victimization, and the many needs of crime victims. I have observed Mr. Trader interact with crime victims on several occasions. Mr. Trader understands impact of crime on its victims and works to ensure that victims are treated with respect during the criminal justice process, and that the victim and the community receive the justice they deserve through the competent and successful prosecution of criminal offenders.

I believe Mr. Trader possesses the skills, knowledge and wisdom to be a judge and that the Judiciary would be well served by a leader who will bring a more compassionate and victim-centered approach to the bench. For this reason, I strongly urge you to confirm Rom Alex Trader to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

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Comments:

I wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Rom Trader to the Circuit Court. He is intelligent, well-qualified, fair and a fine person. He will be an asset to both the Judiciary and the entire State of Hawaii.

Carlito P. Caliboso