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**Testimony In Support of Samuel M. Gon III
GM437**

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My name is Raymond Kaimialoaa Ganotise, retired master sergeant and veteran of Hawai'i Army National Guard. I sincerely apologize for not being able to present this testimony in person because of a prior commitment scheduled for Friday morning.

I submit to you my written support of Samuel M. Gon III for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have known Samuel Gon since 1996 and became aware of his gift in the Hawaiian culture and language when I became a member Kumu John Keola Lake as a chanter of Na Wa'a Lalani o Pu'uokohola. Whenever we would trek into the hillside, Samuel would lead us into the proper protocol chants before stepping into the forest. After that, he would take the time to explain the flora and fauna of the area.

As an Ecologist for the Hawai'i Natural Heritage Program for the The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, he has been able to share his 30 years of experience in Hawai'i ecology with cooperative workshops with our community and others like the Philippines, Palau, Jamaica, Okinawa, Amazonia, and Rapa Nui

I humbly ask for your vote for your consideration and confirmation for my chant brother Samuel Gon to be an integral part of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely yours,
Raymond Kaimialoaa Ganotise

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My name is Tracy Packer and I am the Finance Manger at the Honolulu Waldorf School. I am writing in support of Samuel M. Gon's application for a seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Dr. Gon for over 10 months as my hula brother in Halau Mele.

He has significant knowledge in Hawaiian culture and language and I believe this is the kind of resource that is critical if the correct decisions are to be made with respect to the life of the land and people in our islands. He is an indispensable resource on the BLNR. I am also aware of his scientific knowledge and am always impressed when he shares this knowledge and expertise with the members of our halau and my children. I hope that you will confirm his appointment to the BLNR for another 3-year term.

Mahalo.

Tracy K. Packer

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Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Samuel M. Gon III, GM437
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Friday, March 20, 2009
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

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Dear Senators Hee and Tokuda,
My name is Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D. and I am writing in support of Samuel M. Gon's application for a seat on the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Dr. Gon for over a decade as an active board member for 'Ahahui Mālama I Ka Lōkahi. Through the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance, I have known Sam to be an expert in the field of conservation biology and his knowledge of Hawaiian chant enables him to illustrate linkages between Hawaiian cultural traditions and western scientific principles. I believe these characteristics make Sam an indispensable resource to the BLNR.

I hope that you will renew his tenure on the BLNR.
Mahalo,

Benton Kealii Pang
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**G.M. 437 Nomination of Sam Gon to Board of Land and Natural Resources
Room 229, 3:00 pm
March 20, 2009**

Aloha Chairman Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,

KAHEA supports the confirmation of Sam 'Ohukani'ōhi'a Gon to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. KAHEA is a network of over 7,000 concerned citizens, including kūpuna, cultural practitioners, taro farmers, and ocean users, working to protect Hawai'i's unique natural and cultural resources.

Since 2005, KAHEA staff members have regularly attended Land Board public hearings and engaged Land Board members on issues affecting the quality of Hawai'i's resources, especially regarding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and the sacred summit of Mauna Kea.

Mr. Gon has extensive experience in both Native Hawaiian cultural practice and natural resources management. He has been a strong advocate for improving invasive species management and prevention; invasive species are a serious problem facing native ecosystems in Hawai'i. We support his confirmation for a second term as the Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner representative.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo,



Marti Townsend
Program Director

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Comments:
Please confirm the appointment of Sam Gon by voting for GM437.

Help the DLNR to save our ocean resources.

Thank you,

John Seebart

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Aloha, my name is Schantell Taylor and I'm in support of Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SAMUEL M. GON III, for a term to expire 6-30-2013."

Samuel is an amazing steward of the land! He is an example of what it means to malama aina and in today's society sustainability, being green and grass roots efforts to accomplish these things are in the fore front of our minds. Knowing that Samuel is still on the board will give me peace of mind that our natural resources will be not only protected but perpetuated!

Mahalo for your concideration of this humble letter.....

aloha, schantell taylor
Waianae Oahu/ Rochester hills, Michigan



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
(Mark Fox, Director of External Affairs)
Supporting the Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Samuel M. Gon III
to the Board of Land & Natural Resources (Governor's Message No. 437)
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, & Hawaiian Affairs
Friday, March 20, 2009, 3:00PM, Room 229

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Samuel M. Gon III for a second term on the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is the local chapter of an international non-profit conservation organization. The Hawai'i chapter has approximately 8,000 members and, as a conservation land manager, we actively manage a series of 11 preserves across the state encompassing approximately 34,000 acres. In addition, we work closely with government agencies and private landowners on cooperative land management projects.

Sam has worked at The Nature Conservancy for over two decades and currently serves as our Senior Scientist and Cultural Advisor. In this capacity, he oversees and guides the science behind our operations in Hawai'i. His expertise is critical in directing the vision and goals of our organization. Sam's long history in and broad knowledge of Hawaiian ecology makes him a valuable resource to others in the conservation community as well. He is often called upon by colleagues at the state, federal, and local levels for guidance, and his interactions have earned him the reputation of being intelligent, fair, and completely dedicated to the wise use and management of Hawaii's natural resources. Sam's extensive volunteer and professional association further demonstrates his commitment to the protection of Hawaii's natural heritage.

In addition, Sam's knowledge of Hawaiian history, culture, and language allows a broad perspective to ensure the best protection of Hawaii's unique natural and cultural heritage.

Sam is a leader in the conservation community whose expertise in Hawaiian ecology and culture will serve the Board well. We respectfully encourage your favorable consideration of Samuel Gon's re-appointment to the Board of Land & Natural Resources.

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