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Testimony in support of the nomination of
Mr. Mark Recktenwald to Associate Justice Hawaii State Supreme Court

TO: **Hawaii State Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee:**

My name is Alii Sir William Donald Souza, *Knight of the Grand Cross Knight*, and Alii Aimoku o Hawaii Chapter 1 in Honolulu of the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1 a fraternity founded in the Kingdom of Hawaii by His Majesty King Kamehameha V, on April 11, 1865. King Kamehameha V was the grandson of King Kamehameha I.

I am submitting this letter in support of the nomination of Mr. Mark Recktenwald as Associate Justice on the Hawaii State Supreme Court. I feel honored to have the opportunity to lend my support of Mr. Mark Recktenwald's nomination. I have had the honor and privilege to work with Mr. Recktenwald while he served as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). I consider Mark a dear friend.

Mark is a very fair and considerate individual who always had time to listen to anyone who wanted his ear. He would tackle situations and projects head on. Mark's motivated leadership style gave him the energy to deal with DCCA's issues head on. Mark learned quickly to understand how things work in his department. Mark makes clear what he is thinking and he is very capable of understanding the root of the problem. He is a very decisive individual! And Mark loves our "island way of life" that he shares and celebrates with his family in Hawaii.

Mark's leadership, patience, decisiveness, and understanding of Hawaii's history, will enhanced his opportunity to serve on the Hawaii State Supreme Court. I know Mark is ready to serve the people of Hawaii on the Hawaii State Supreme Court as the next Associate Justice. And finally, Mark has shown great support for the "keepers of the Hawaiian monarchy era and its traditions," namely the Hawaiian Royal Benevolent Societies and in particular the members of the Most Noble Royal Order of Kamehameha 1.

Therefore, without hesitation I, William Donald Souza, a supporter and friend do hereby urge the appointment of Mr. Mark Recktenwald to be the next Associate Justice on the Hawaii State Supreme Court and urge you and your Senate colleagues to do the same.

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Mark's appointment as Associate Justice to the Hawaii State Supreme Court will bring great prestige, honor and pride to his family.

I want to thank the members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee for the opportunity to appear before today. I urge you and your Senate colleagues to support the nomination of my friend Mr. Mark Recktenwald. Aloha!

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