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Friday, April 17, 2009  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 546**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 546, regarding the appointment of Richard L. Wilcox, D.C. to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports Dr. Wilcox's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Dr. Wilcox and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Dr. Wilcox, I believe that he possesses the qualifications,

background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Dr. Wilcox has been a chiropractor practicing on Maui for 21 years. He earned his D.C. degree from the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. Dr. Wilcox has ensured that he remains current with the latest developments in chiropractic care by continuing his post-graduate education by attending numerous seminars, conferences, symposiums, and certification programs over the past two decades. Dr. Wilcox's extensive experience and knowledge will serve him well on the Board.

Additionally, Dr. Wilcox desires to ensure that the consumer is protected from unqualified practitioners. He wishes to ensure that only qualified practitioners provide chiropractic care to consumers.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Dr. Wilcox will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Dr. Wilcox's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Dr. Wilcox's behalf.



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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Committee of Commerce & Consumer Protection

Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair  
Committee of Commerce & Consumer Protection

From: Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., D.C., F.I.C.C., Vice President  
Hawaii State Chiropractic Association

Date: Friday, April 17, 2009  
Hearing on Governor's Message No. 546, at 9:00am, Conference Room 229

Subject: Support of GM 546, Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee: Richard L. Wilcox, D.C.  
to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

My name is Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., and I am a practicing doctor of Chiropractic in Hawaii for the past 31 years. Currently I am the Vice President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, and the District Governor of the American Chiropractic Association, representing Hawaii, California and Nevada. I am writing to you to urge you to confirm Dr. Richard L. Wilcox as nominated by Governor Lingle to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

As a representative of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, we believe that Dr. Wilcox will add to the effectiveness of the Chiropractic Board of Examiners, considering his many years of practice experience and his personal ethics as a patient centered private practitioner.

Please confirm Dr. Richard L. Wilcox, D.C. as nominated to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

**From:** Sen. Roz Baker  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 2:45 PM  
**To:** Eric Arquero  
**Subject:** FW: Richard Wilcox DC Board Appointment

FYI

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
5th District -- South and West Maui

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**From:** drngopie@aol.com [mailto:drngopie@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 1:54 PM  
**To:** Sen. Roz Baker  
**Subject:** Re: Richard Wilcox DC Board Appointment

Dear Senator Baker,

Please accept my letter as written testimony in support of Dr. Wilcox's nomination to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas G. Opie, DC

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sen. Roz Baker <senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
**To:** 'drngopie@aol.com' <drngopie@aol.com>  
**Cc:** sportsdc1@hawaiiantell.net <sportsdc1@hawaiiantell.net>  
**Sent:** Wed, 8 Apr 2009 6:32 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Richard Wilcox DC Board Appointment

Thanks so much for your letter of support. We will be holding our public hearing on this nominee. Would you like to submit this letter as testimony in support of Dr. Wilcox? If so, pls advise. Best regards, Roz

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
5th District -- South and West Maui

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**From:** [drngopie@aol.com](mailto:drngopie@aol.com) [mailto:drngopie@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2009 2:09 PM  
**To:** Sen. Roz Baker  
**Cc:** [sportsdc1@hawaiiantell.net](mailto:sportsdc1@hawaiiantell.net)  
**Subject:** Richard Wilcox DC Board Appointment

Dear Senator Baker:

I serve on the Hawaii State Chiropractic Board of Examiners and consider it an honor to have Dr. Richard Wilcox, DC join this State Board. I have known Dr. Wilcox all of my 28 years in the practice of Chiropractic

here in Hawaii. His judgement, opinions, and decisions are based on his well rounded expertise in the field of Chiropractic, coupled with a sense of fairness and understanding of our laws. Dr. Wilcox will make an outstanding addition to our Board and highly recommend you and you committee approve his appointment.

Most Sincerely yours,

Nicholas G. Opie DC, FASBE, FICA  
Member: Hawaii State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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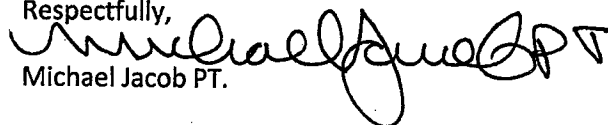
**Dear Rosalyn Baker,**

My name is Michael Jacob and I've been practicing Physical Therapy for 25 years, 19 of which have been here on Maui.

I have known and worked with Richard Wilcox over the past 18 years while living on Maui. He is an exceptional clinician and business owner, and has always given a lot back to his community. He has been coaching at the high school level, teaches martial arts, and has been running a full time Chiropractic office. He is an extremely ethical clinician, is always current and knowledgeable about the laws Governing Chiropractic Care, and the rights of patients and insurance companies. I believe he would be an asset to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners given his experience, and expertise in the field of Chiropractic.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 871-0900.

Respectfully,

  
Michael Jacob PT.

April 7, 2009

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Richard Wilcox, DC

Dr. Senator Baker:

The following is a letter of reference for Dr. Richard Wilcox.

I have known Dr. Wilcox as a Chiropractic colleague and friend for over 20 years and without hesitation am providing you with this letter of reference. Dr. Wilcox is well respected not only in the chiropractic community but also in the medical community on Maui. He has been intimately involved in the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association and our local Chiropractic society and gives tirelessly of his time.

Dr. Wilcox will be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I would strongly encourage you to consider him for this position.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this reference.

Sincerely,

James A. Pleiss, DC, DABCO  
Board Certified Chiropractic Orthopedist  
Immediate Past President, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association

**From:** Sandy Baz [sandy@meoinc.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2009 9:12 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on GM546 - 4/17 CCP Meeting  
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

DATE: Friday, April 17, 2009  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
Measure: GM546

Aloha Senators Baker, Ige and Committee Members,

I am writing to SUPPORT nomination GM 546.

GM 546 nominates Dr. Rick Wilcox to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Wilcox is my chiropractor. After being in practice for over 25 years and teaching the profession, I feel he is well qualified to sit on the board of examiners.

Mahalo,  
Sandy

*Sandy Baz*  
Chief Executive Officer



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