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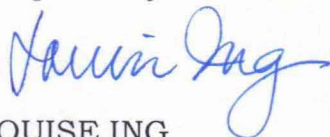
Re: GM 579; Hearing on confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN C. HOLZMAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014. April 9, 2009, at 1:15 p.m.

Dear Committee Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto and members of the Higher Education Committee:

I respectfully write in support of the appointment of John Holzman to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. With his local roots (Kalani High School graduate; former foreign affairs advisor to US Pacific Command at Camp Smith; retired in Honolulu) and extensive international experience as a United States Foreign Service Officer and former ambassador to Bangladesh, he will bring international stature and experience to UH and the board, while being committed and sensitive to our local community. He is very smart, self-assured, personable, and intellectually curious, with a steady temperament - qualities which are important for a Regent. Even though he is retired, his energy and desire constantly to learn have led him to study French and Hawaiian language at UH, as well as to become a trained mediator with Mediation Center of the Pacific.

I have known John for over 20 years because he is married to a good college friend of mine. As a board member of the UH Foundation and a lawyer at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing who volunteers time on various nonprofit boards, I am mindful of UH's important role in our community and the world. As UH continues its efforts to attract to Hawai'i faculty and researchers with national and international stature and also attract international students (all of which enhance the educational experience for those at UH and enriches our community), it is important to have Regents like John who combine a broad worldview and experience with sensitivity to local community issues, values and traditions. Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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From: Sidney B. Westley, Research Program, East-West enter
To Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair, Hawaii Committee of Higher Education
Date: 10 April 2009

Dear Sen. Tokuda:

I understand that Governor Lingle has submitted the name of Ambassador John C. Holzman (Ret.) to be a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I strongly recommend Ambassador Holzman for this position.

Ambassador Holzman served in Hawaii as Foreign Policy Advisor to the US Pacific Command from 2001 to 2003 and returned to Honolulu when he retired from the US Foreign Service in 2005. Since returning to Hawaii, he has shown a strong commitment to our community. He has studied the Hawaiian language and history at the University of Hawaii and has given valuable volunteer service to the East-West Center. Specifically, Ambassador Holzman helps with a one-month international workshop that the Center conducts in June every year on Communicating with Policymakers about Population and Health. He has helped our workshop participants from all over Asia improve their understanding of the policy process and their communications skills. His perceptive, but gentle feedback to our participants has been invaluable.

Before retiring in Hawaii, Ambassador Holzman had a distinguished diplomatic career, including postings in Iraq (Senior Civilian Advisor to the Coalition Provisional Government), Bangladesh (US Ambassador), Pakistan (Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy), and Washington, DC, where he was Director for Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh for the US State Department. As a member of the UH Board of Regents, he will bring broad experience of US government policy and knowledge of many of the world's most important and volatile nations. This experience plus his outstanding intelligence and positive, constructive attitude will enable him to make an outstanding contribution to the University of Hawaii.