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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

As a Hawai'i resident and local consumer of naturopathic medicine and services, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No.

420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr.

Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health.

Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii. I've written to Hawaii legislators twice already about the need to support and pass this bill.

In keeping with President Obama's administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Dr.

Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No.

420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors a greater scope of practice and enable them to more effectively serve the people of our State.

With the current state of the economy there is a shortage of good primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the State, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. In order for our state to attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, it is time to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in more than 20 years. As general practitioners, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system. They are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs. By allowing Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will greatly improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

• There is absolutely no reason to stop this bill. Closing off, or unnecessarily limiting, healthcare options makes no sense whatsoever.
• Part of Hawaii's allure is its diversity in all things, and that should include healthcare options. The State of Hawai'i tries to pride itself on valuing nature and a mindful, nature-based perspective in all things. Let's see some forward-thinking leadership in the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009

Monday, March 30, 2009
2:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 426, H.D.1, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jeffrey Miyazawa, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 426, H.D. 1, Relating to Dentistry.

The purpose of S.B. No. 426, H.D.1, is to grant dentists participating in an accredited dental residency program temporary licensure for the duration of their residency program.

The bill creates a new temporary license classification for persons enrolled in a post-doctoral residency program that is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation ("CODA"), and authorizes them to practice dentistry exclusively under the auspices of the dental residency program. The temporary licensees shall be assigned to affiliated training sites that shall be visited and accredited by CODA and act under the direct supervision of a dental residency faculty licensed in Hawaii. This will result in increased access to dental services where it is critically needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 426, H.D.1.

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To: The House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
The Hon. Robert N. Herkes, Chair
The Hon. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 426, HD1,
Relating to Dentistry**

Submitted by Diana V. Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE, Executive Director
Monday, March 30, 2009, 2:15 p.m. agenda, Room 325

The Lāna'ī Women's Center dba Lāna'ī Community Health Center urges your support for this bill, which is needed to enable newly graduated dentists to participate in a planned pediatric residency program. Its passage will also allow the development other dental residency programs as needs and resources may occur in future.

Lāna'ī has only one dentist. She travels from Honolulu to provide services to our community. She has been generous enough to enter into an MOA with our organization to provide services to children and adults who are uninsured or underinsured. The need is great in our community – using statistics for our adult population as a proxy for pediatric needs: Only 49.5% of Lāna'ī adults visited a dentist within the past year – the lowest percent in the state. Sixty-three percent of our adults had permanent teeth removed in the past year – the highest percent in the state. Only 49.6% of adults had their teeth cleaned in the past year – again the worst in the state! Our community is at the highest risk based upon adult oral health risk indicators.

The planned pediatric residency will help address access problems by creating a well trained pediatric dental workforce, support recruitment and retention of dentists who work at Community Health Centers where most of the residency program takes place, and will even provide some of the skills and facility linkages needed to improve access for adults with developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to add our support for this measure.

Sincerely, Diana V. Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE

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To: **The House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce**
The Hon. Robert N. Herkes, Chair
The Hon. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 426, HD1
Relating to Dentistry
Submitted by Beth Giesting, CEO
Monday, March 30, 2009, 2:15 p.m. agenda, Room 325

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association urges your support for this bill, which is needed to enable newly graduated dentists to participate in a planned pediatric residency program. Its passage will also allow the development other dental residency programs as needs and resources may occur in future.

Hawai'i has a modest number of dentists who specialize in treating children and a serious deficit in the number of dentists able to accommodate children covered by the Medicaid program. According to the National Maternal & Child Oral health Resource Center, "Head Start staff and parents report that the number one health issue affecting children enrolled in Head Start nationwide is access to oral health services." They further note that "many dentists do not feel comfortable providing services to infants and young children, despite agreement within the oral health community (Academy of General Dentistry, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and American Dental Association) that children should see a dentist by age 1."

The planned pediatric residency will help address such access problems by creating a well-trained pediatric dental workforce, support recruitment and retention of dentists who work at Community Health Centers where most of the residency program takes place, and will even provide some of the skills and facility linkages needed to improve access for adults with developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to add our support for this measure.



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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 426, HD1
Relating to Dentistry
Submitted by David Derauf MD MPH, Executive Director
Monday, March 30, 2009, 2:15 p.m. agenda, Room 325

Kokua Kalihi Valley urges your support for this bill, which is needed to enable newly graduated dentists to participate in a planned pediatric residency program, of which Kokua Kalihi Valley will be playing a key role.

Hawai'i has an insufficient number of dentists who specialize in treating children and are able to accommodate children covered by the Medicaid program as well as the uninsured. Access to dental services for young children is a huge problem nationwide, and here in Hawaii many of our communities lag far behind national standards in regards to the oral health of our keiki.

This bill will make possible the planned pediatric dental residency which will help address this access to care problem by building a well trained pediatric dental workforce, with a focus on Hawaii's most disadvantaged communities. It will also support the recruitment and retention of dentists who work at Community Health Centers and will even provide some of the skills and facility linkages needed to improve access for adults with developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to add our support for this measure.

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