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January 21, 2010

Senator Brian Taniguchi  
Chairman  
Committee On Judiciary and  
Government Operations

Re: Confirmation of Ed Kubo (GM109)  
January 21, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I write in support of the nomination of Mr. Edward Kubo for Circuit Court Judge for the State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Kubo for over 30 years as we were students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and both involved in student government. From the time I have known him until now he has always inspired confidence in the people around him. He is a leader. He most exemplifies the fair minded approach to issues and his stellar performance in his endeavors as a public servant were no surprise to me.

As an attorney that is in active trial practice it would be a pleasure to practice in front of a judge such as Mr. Kubo whose personality and character are not given to outbursts of temper. His presence on the judiciary can only help the State.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,



JANICE P. KIM

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January 20, 2010

Senate Chair Brian Taniguchi  
Senate Judiciary/Government Operations Committee  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

transmitted by facsimile

RE: Confirmation of Judicial Nominee Edward H. Kubo  
January 21, 2010 9:30 a.m. hearing

Dear Senators:

Many years ago, I had the privilege of working with Judicial Nominee, Edward H. Kubo. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of his nomination. If there is only one word that I can use to describe him, it is humble. Despite the fact that he served as U.S. Attorney for the past eight years, he has remained the same person that I met over twenty years ago. Many years ago, my father told me that you can judge what kind of person someone is once he assumes a position of power. Despite the awesome power that Ed Kubo assumed as U.S. Attorney, he was fair and just in the exercise of his responsibilities.

When I was a young prosecutor, newly promoted to a felony team, Ed Kubo went out of his way to help me understand felony prosecutions. He treated everyone with whom he came into contact with great care and respect. This included both the attorneys and the support staff. He always displayed a strong work ethic, and he was the first to offer his help to others.

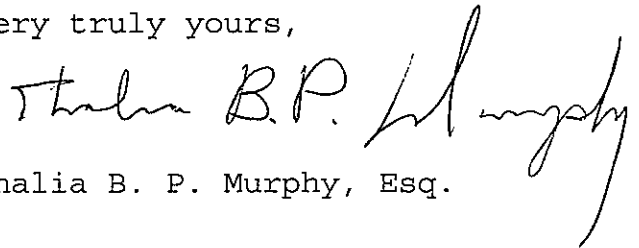
Mr. Kubo was always above board. As a Deputy Prosecutor, he was well-respected by the Defense Bar, the judges and everyone in the legal community. He treated everyone with whom he came into contact with respect and compassion.

Chair Taniguchi  
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Ed Kubo recognizes that every case is important, and affects people's lives. The men, women and children in this community are safe because of his years of hard work and dedication. I believe that anyone who would appear in front of Ed Kubo would sense his strong work ethic, compassion, fairness and integrity. I highly recommend him for a Circuit Court judgeship.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding the aforementioned, I can be reached at 768-6486.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thalia B. P. Murphy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Thalia B. P. Murphy, Esq.

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**Via E-Mail & Facsimile (808) 586-6659**

**Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman**

**Members of the Chairman Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee**

**415 S. Beretania St.**

**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

**Re: Confirmation Hearing of Edward H. Kubo**

**Date of Hearing: January 21, 2010**

**Time of Hearing: 9:30 a.m.**

**Dear Chairman and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations:**

I would like to express my firm support for the nomination of Judge Edward H. Kubo as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii.

When I began my law career in 1989 as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu I had the good fortune of being assigned to a circuit court team headed by Mr. Kubo who provided me, as a young attorney, with invaluable guidance and advice. Mr. Kubo's legal experience and proven litigation skills eventually led to his position as a U.S. Attorney and his performance is well-known.

I believe that Mr. Kubo is exceptionally well-qualified to serve as a circuit judge whether he is assigned to the criminal or civil bench. He is intelligent, knowledgeable, respectful, even-tempered and a good listener. Overall, he has all of the traits of an outstanding judge and I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Thank you for permitting me to express my support and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Tedson H. Koja



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January 19, 2010

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Edward H. Kubo, Jr.**

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

You have invited me to submit comments pertaining to Edward Kubo, Jr., who has been nominated to be a judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. As you know, Mr. Kubo formerly served as the District of Hawaii's United States Attorney. In that capacity, his interactions with me concerned matters of office administration rather than the merits of particular cases. It has thus been years since I have had occasion to view firsthand his litigation skills. I do, however, clearly recall that, while he was an Assistant United States Attorney, he tried a major criminal case before me that involved the interpretation of a new federal statute. We were thus in uncharted waters, and he handled the issue carefully, thoroughly, and thoughtfully.

If you meet Mr. Kubo, I expect you will immediately conclude that he is courteous and friendly. Such a conclusion would be entirely consistent with the very welcoming and engaging demeanor he has always displayed to the court.

I hope this letter is helpful to you. Happy New Year to you and your staff!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Oki Mollway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Oki Mollway  
Chief United States District Judge

Pamela J. Ferguson-Brey  
P.O. Box 22572  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96823

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Date: January 21, 2010 9:30 a.m.

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs

**Subject: Confirmation of Edward H. Kubo, Jr. to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit**

Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs. My name is Pamela Ferguson-Brey and I am testifying today in support of the confirmation of Edward H. Kubo to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. During Mr. Kubo's tenure as the United States Attorney for Hawaii, he has consistently demonstrated the qualities and judicial temperament necessary to serve as a judge. Mr. Kubo has demonstrated leadership, legal ability and has been a compassionate advocate for the crime victims served by the U.S. Attorney's office.

It is in Mr. Kubo's capacity as the United States Attorney for Hawaii that I have had an opportunity to work with him and his victim assistance staff. I worked with Mr. Kubo and his staff in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission"). During his tenure as the U.S. Attorney, the victim assistance staff has grown from one to three. The U.S. Attorney's office embraced new federal legislation mandating, among other things, restitution and victim notification. Mr. Kubo and his staff have provided support to thousands of crime victims. Many of these victims would not have been able to make it through the criminal justice process without the support provided by Mr. Kubo and his staff.

Mr. Kubo also played a leadership role in developing a coordinated victim-centered response protocol to support victims of terrorism. Mr. Kubo collaborated with the Commission and other members of the victim assistance community and the visitor industry in addressing crimes against tourists.

Mr. Kubo understands the impact of crime on its victims and works to ensure that victims are treated with respect during the criminal justice process, and that the victim and the community receive the justice they deserve through the competent and successful prosecution of criminal offenders.

I believe Mr. Kubo possesses the skills, knowledge and wisdom to serve as a judge and that the Judiciary would be well served by a leader who will bring a more compassionate and victim-centered approach to the bench. For this reason, I urge you to confirm Edward H. Kubo to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

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415 S. Beretania St.  
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Re: Confirmation Hearing of Edward H. Kubo  
Date of Hearing: January 21, 2010  
Time of Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chairman and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations:

I would like to express my firm support for the nomination of Judge Edward H. Kubo as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for permitting me to express my support and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,



Tedson H. Koja



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**From:** Burnett, Larry [lburnett@HI-HIDTA.ORG]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 5:39 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Ed Kubo, Jr. confirmation hearing testimony

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations,

I understand you will be considering the confirmation of Edward H. Kubo, Jr. to fill a Circuit Court vacancy.

I am personally aware of Ed's outstanding law and administrative abilities. He has been an exceptional United States Attorney for Hawaii, who could now bring his extensive experience to the Circuit Court. I know first hand of Ed's honor and selfless commitment to Hawaii. I have witnessed his evenhanded and just approach to law enforcement. When the crystal methamphetamine was at its zenith, Ed shouldered the responsibility of prosecuting the most egregious drug trafficking groups through the federal system. More than thirty of these individuals had at least two dozen convictions in state court, but were still on the street. By realigning and holding the attorney's of his office accountable (ruffling the feathers of the complacent); Ed was able to help us clean the streets of the worst criminals.

Although, many people and groups are responsible for driving down the impact of crystal methamphetamine trafficking in Hawaii, few were more important than Ed Kubo. Ed distinguished himself, generating universal praise from the law enforcement federal agency heads and police chiefs which comprise the Hawaii HIDTA Executive Board.

His career has included active leadership and participant roles in a variety of program coordination, investigative operations, and law enforcement actions. He is a student of the law and is well versed in federal and state statutes and laws. He is a highly respected force within our HIDTA Executive Board. Edward H. Kubo Jr. is an excellent manager who possesses a wealth of justice and law administrative knowledge. As a judge, Ed would be a great asset for Hawaii.

Edward H. Kubo Jr. can do the job.

Larry D Burnett, Director  
Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Program  
Office of National Drug Control Policy



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January 19, 2010

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairperson  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Re: Circuit Court Judge confirmation of Ed Kubo

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I am an attorney specializing in criminal defense work. I have know Ed Kubo for more than twenty years. I first met Ed when I was a deputy public defender. Ed was a good, tough prosecutor, but he was also honest and fair. I had several cases with Ed, and I can tell that he was good at his job. He knew how to prosecute a case, but more importantly, he always put justice ahead of winning. I sincerely believe that our community will benefit greatly if he is appointed as a circuit court judge.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call me. I appreciate your taking the time to consider this recommendation.

Sincerely,

William H. Jameson, Jr.

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January 20, 2010

Senate Judiciary Committee

Email: [JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

Re: Confirmation of Ed Kubo for Circuit Court Judge

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I write in support of Ed Kubo's confirmation by the Hawaii State Senate as a Circuit Court Judge.

Ed Kubo is a very hard working attorney in his previous capacity as a City Prosecutor and more recently as the U. S. Attorney for Hawaii. He would work hard to be thorough and well prepared and a person of his word. He did what was right for the community or his client and not abide strictly by his role as the prosecutor. He had a good knowledge of the law and the facts and was quite open about his position on behalf of his client. Ed is a person that would go the extra mile to help someone or to help people in participating in community activities.

As a person, he was warm and positive, treats everyone with respect and would consider the opposing point of view. He has the respect of his colleagues and opposing parties, maintaining his positive attitude and happy disposition throughout.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Ed Kubo, a nominee worthy of confirmation.

Sincerely yours,



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**From:** kawatalaw003 [kawatalaw003@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 9:53 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** kawatalaw@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairperson, and the COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS on the Confirmation of Ed Kubo (GM109)

HEARING:

Measure: GM109  
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: State Capitol Senate Conference Room 16

Dear Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairperson, and the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations on the Confirmation of Ed Kubo (GM109):

I have known for about 30 years, both Ed Kubo and I started practicing law at the Prosecutor's office in 1980. After three (3) years, we both left the Prosecutor's office to go into private practice. Mr. Kubo went to Carlsmith & Dwyer and later returned to the Prosecutor's office, followed by the U.S. Attorney's office.

Through the years, we have kept in touch and remained friends. Mr. Kubo is a person of the highest moral character and integrity. Even as a Prosecutor, he had a reputation for being fair and honest. He's also known to have a good sense of humor. While his public persona as the stern and tough U.S. Attorney often didn't permit him, in private he's a very friendly, light hearted and engaging.

I highly recommend that you confirm him.

Yours Truly,

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**From:** Eden.E.Hifo@courts.state.hi.us  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 12:51 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Edward h. Kubo, Jr.

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members,

Alas, I received your fax and letter inviting testimony only today, after the hearing this morning regarding confirmation of Edward H. Kubo, Jr. as circuit court judge. Please add my remarks to those who favor his confirmation. The nominee has a reputation for fairness and has discharged his duties in a respected federal position with distinction. I believe he is well qualified to serve on the Hawaii State Circuit Court bench and hope you will favorably consider his nomination.

Thank you for your invitation to respond on this important matter. Aloha and best wishes.

(Bambi) Eden Elizabeth Hifo (retired circuit court judge)

January 11, 2010

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
And Members  
Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members

Subject: Judicial Nomination of Edward H. Kubo Jr.

Thank you for this opportunity to heartily endorse Edward H. Kubo Jr. for the Circuit Court Judgeship.

I have known Edward H. Kubo Jr. since 1980, when he was a member of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. We have worked many cases together for prosecution, working on legal issues/problems, prosecution and testifying. Ed left for the United States District Attorney as an Assistant United States District Attorney and more recently in his capacity as the United States District Attorney for the State of Hawaii. Ed also worked with federal agencies for interagency cooperation for the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii. This has given me a timeline perspective of the applicant's progress and abilities.

I feel Mr. Kubo would make an excellent judge. He is well versed in the law and has a superior work ethic. He is a good problem-solver, compassionate towards people who have been victimized or downtrodden, but fair and open to weigh all issues and make decisions accordingly. Ed is a good consensus-builder, takes everything in stride and manages to stay above the fray. Ed is capable of working with different personalities and agencies and bring them together for the common good.

I feel Ed's integrity is unquestionable and he has the moral courage to make the correct choice, no matter the repercussions, because it is the right choice. My opinion of Ed's honesty, trustworthiness, character, integrity and citizenship is of the highest standard. Appointment to the Judiciary, in this case the Circuit Court, is a high honor and Ed's character, integrity, and balance qualifies him for this position.

Thank you again for this opportunity to endorse Edward H. Kubo Jr.

Should there be any questions I may be contacted at 529-3698 or via email at [tnitta@honolulu.gov](mailto:tnitta@honolulu.gov)

Sincerely,



Thomas T. Nitta

**Lynette Marushige**

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**From:** brownguava@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 09, 2010 8:06 AM  
**To:** Sen. Dwight Takamine  
**Subject:** Ed Kubo Nomination

Senator. Takamine,

I have served with the Pahoia Weed and Seed Project since its inception. During that time and especially during the two years when I served as Site Coordinator I often had the honor to work with United States Attorney Ed Kubo and his office. I found him to be a man dedicated to improving the lives of the residents of our community. He did not bring politics into any of the issues we worked on and was extremely helpful to our organization by making himself available as well as making available appropriate finances and services of the Justice Department.

I feel that you could look far and wide before finding a more knowledgeable, honorable and dedicated person to serve on any bench in the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Lon Brown  
Pahoia Weed and Seed Project  
Steering Committee

**Lynette Marushige**

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**From:** Ralph D Black [taxlaw@RalphDBlack.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2010 10:59 AM  
**To:** Sen. Dwight Takamine  
**Cc:** 'Ralph D Black'  
**Subject:** Recommendation of Ed Kubo to the Circuit Court, First Circuit, State of Hawaii  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Good morning, Senator Takamine:

I am writing to recommend and support the nomination of Ed Kubo to act as a Judge in the Circuit Court, First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

My name is Ralph D. Black and have been licensed to practice in the State of Hawaii since 1979. My practice currently is in Hilo, Hawaii.

I first met Ed Kubo while he was a law student at USD in San Diego, CA. I was attending California Western School of Law in SD and the folks from Hawaii would often get together to socialize and provide moral support for one another ... all of us feeling like we were a long way from home.... Yes, long BEFORE the internet!!!

Even from those early years, Ed Kubo conducted himself with dignity and respect. He was always concerned about the well-being of others and was a "giver" and never a "taker". During the early years of law practice, I keep in touch with Mr. Kubo. Although I did not regularly socialize with he and his family, due to my past experience as an officer in the Honolulu Police Department I remained in close contact with many on the prosecution side of the criminal law system.

He has consistently proven his commitment to the Hawaii community and has performed at the very pinnacle of the Federal operations in Hawaii as well as through his varied positions and participation at the State level.

Mr. Kubo has not merely passively worked within the pre-existing legal framework, but has been pro-active to recommend and lobby for continued improvement in the system with a recognition of the changing times and ever advancing technological advances in our society.

His public service is exemplary. He has served Hawaii well and I support his nomination without reservation to enable him to continue to support our community.

Respectfully,

Ralph D. Black, Esq. #2563

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Harry S. Kubojiri  
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Paul K. Ferreira  
Deputy Police Chief

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January 8, 2010

Senator Dwight Takamine  
Vice Chairperson  
Senate Judiciary and Government  
Operations Committee  
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 204  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Takamine:

Subject: Letter of Support for Edward H. Kubo, Jr., First Circuit Court Judge

Dear Senator Takamine:

It is truly my honor to write this letter of strong support for the selection of Mr. Edward H. Kubo, Jr., for First Circuit Court Judge.

My name is Harry S. Kubojiri and I have been a member of the Hawai`i Police Department for approximately thirty (30) years, most recently appointed to head the agency as Police Chief.

I have known Mr. Kubo professionally and personally for 20+ years, and during this time he has always placed the interest of safer communities as a priority. He always exhibited a fair and impartial attitude and was compassionate and understanding of the needs of not only people, but of communities. Whether through his support to rid communities of illicit drugs, establishing drug-free educational programs for our children, providing up-to-date training for law enforcement personnel or assisting in the apprehension of criminals, Mr. Kubo has an extensive and historical proven track record of success.

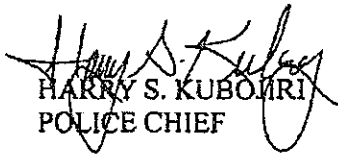
Of the many attributes Mr. Kubo has demonstrated over the years, I think his strongest is that of leadership. He has the ability to effectively bring agencies and, more importantly, people to work collaboratively in furtherance of establishing safer communities. His ability to bring local, state and federal agencies together is not only within the State of Hawai`i, but also nationally. Mr. Kubo has consistently demonstrated the ability to effectively break through traditional government agency cultures of working independently and establish collaborative relationships that are lasting.

SENATOR DWIGHT TAKAMINE  
JANUARY 8, 2010  
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Mr. Kubo does not only avail himself to the law enforcement community however, he extends his services to the citizens throughout the State. It is through his efforts that the children of Pāhoa High School, located in a rural area, benefit annually through presentations and interaction with drug-free coalitions comprised of local businesses, citizen groups, the U.S. Attorney's office and various law enforcement agencies. Mr. Kubo was instrumental in having the Pāhoa community receive a "Weed and Seed" designation. As the U.S. Attorney, he would regularly meet and participate with the community to ensure the success of the community in combating their illicit drug problem and making Pāhoa town a safe place for all.

Mr. Kubo has always exhibited an overwhelming ability of organization, leadership, teamwork spirit and an excellent harmonious relationship with all those he comes into contact with. I believe Mr. Kubo will exceed all expectations with humble dedication and commitment as a First Circuit Court Judge.

Sincerely,

  
HARRY S. KUBO  
POLICE CHIEF

## **Lynette Marushige**

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**From:** Madie Greene [mgreene385@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 6:32 AM  
**To:** Sen. Dwight Takamine  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Ed Kubo

Aloha Senator

This is a letter of support for Ed Kubo who is nominated for judgeship. As Chairperson for Pahoia Weed and Seed on the Big Island, Ed was instrumental in assisting us in getting this organization up and running. Drugs and dealers were running rampant here in Pahoia town and with the assistance of Ed, HPD, and the Prosecutors Office we have cleaned our town. Please consider his nomination because he has made many changes and differences here on the Big Island and will be a truthful and fair Judge.

With warm Aloha,  
Madie Greene

Chairperson for Pahoia Weed and Seed  
President of Nanawale Community Association  
President of Mainstreet Pahoia Association  
Board Member for PCDP Action Team  
Business Owner in Pahoia Town

Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
586-6461(fax)

January 22, 2010

Relating to GM109, Gubernatorial Nominee Edward H. Kubo, Jr.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Edward Kubo, who is under consideration to fill a vacancy on the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I believe that Edward Kubo is a highly qualified candidate and that he would make an excellent addition to the Circuit Court.

I am a career prosecutor, having served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Maui from 1992-2003, and as a deputy attorney general for the State of Hawaii from 2003 to the present. I have known Edward Kubo since 2004 and have worked alongside with him on numerous occasions to give presentations to different community organizations in order to educate the general public about illegal drugs in our communities and to demonstrate how community members may make a difference in helping to clean up our neighborhoods.

In my dealings with Edward Kubo, I have found him to be a dedicated public servant who is sincerely concerned about our communities and who has worked hard to try to bring about positive changes to our state.

Finally, I believe that Edward Kubo has a strong capacity for compassion and fairness that would serve him well in a judicial capacity.

If you have any questions, I may be contacted at 586-1160.

Yours truly,

  
Mark K. Miyahira

January 22, 2010

Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
586-6461 (fax)

Re: GM109, Gubernatorial Nominee Edward H. Kubo, Jr.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Edward Kubo to the first circuit bench. I have known Mr. Kubo since he was my felony trial supervisor at the city prosecutor's office in 1990. At that time, he already enjoyed a well-earned reputation as a stellar trial attorney and prosecutor. In the ensuing twenty years, he has distinguished himself as a dedicated and outstanding public servant at Office of the United States Attorney.

I have always known Mr. Kubo to be an honest, conscientious and hard-working individual. He is diligent, ethical, intelligent, and he possesses the appropriate temperament for the bench. I believe these qualities provide him with exceptional judicial qualifications. Accordingly, I humbly ask that you favorably act upon Mr. Kubo's nomination.

Sincerely,



Vince S. Kanemoto

Via E-mail

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chairperson  
Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
Honolulu, HI 96813

January 22, 2010

Re: Circuit Court Judicial Nominee Edward H. Kubo

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend and support Edward H. Kubo as a Judicial Nominee for the First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. I am pleased to hear that Mr. Kubo has chosen to continue his legal career in public service as a prospective Judge in our Courts.

I have known Mr. Kubo for 23 years. We were both Prosecutor's at the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office under the leadership of then City Prosecutor Charles Marsland. Mr. Kubo left our office to become an Assistant U.S. Attorney under the Honorable Steven S. Alm and then to subsequently receive an appointment as the U.S. Attorney some years ago.

Although Mr. Kubo left our office, I have continued to keep in touch with Mr. Kubo and am well aware of the great success and service he has given to our community as Federal Prosecutor. Mr. Kubo has been a remarkable role model and mentor for me. He was my team supervisor when I first started in the Felony Trials Section of our office back in 1987. He was a person of great legal and practical knowledge. He was an excellent teacher. I owe a lot of my legal success to the example set by Mr. Kubo. Over the last 23 years as a prosecutor I have been able to prosecute well over a hundred jury trials including numerous highly publicized trials dealing with Murder and other Violent Crimes, Sex Assaults, etc. I owe much of my success to my early years when I was able to mentor Mr. Kubo's example.

Mr. Kubo is an outstanding candidate for a Judicial Appointment. He is articulate, insightful, diplomatic, humble, and honest. Throughout his career he has shown the community he is dedicated to public service.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any further questions I can be reached at my office number (808) 768-7407.

Very truly yours,

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