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TO: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Sen. Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Hearing: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 1:15 pm

Conference Room: 016

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 509

CONFIRMATION OF PATRICIA McMANAMAN AS DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAI'I  
**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONFIRMATION**

Chairman Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding Governor's Message 509. I am pleased to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Patricia McManaman as the Director of the Department of Human Services, State of Hawai'i.

I am a practicing physician in Honolulu, a sex assault forensic examiner for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and co-founder of the Pacific Survivor Center (PSC), a non-profit organization dedicated to prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of victims of torture, human trafficking, and related human rights abuses.

I collaborated closely with the nominee when she was the Executive Director of Na Loio Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Law Center. She consistently demonstrated unwavering compassion and commitment to the clients that we shared, and I witnessed firsthand her tireless advocacy for the rights of low-income immigrant communities. In addition, she was extremely generous in providing mentorship during PSC's development.

In all of my interactions with her, I have found Pat McManaman to be ethical, intelligent, and committed, and believe she is very well suited to this position. I respectfully urge that the Committee on Human Services endorse her confirmation.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Littenberg, MD, MPH

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 11:09 AM  
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**Subject:** support Patricia McManaman

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February 23, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Senator Chun Oakland,

I would like to urge you and the Senate to confirm the appointment of Patricia McManaman to the position of Director of the Department of Human Services. Although I don't personally know her, I am making a recommendation based on our long term relationship with Governor Neil Abercrombie.

From its inception in 1940, Dr. Floyd Matson, a professor of American Studies at the University of Hawaii, was a member and supporter of the National Federation of the Blind. Dr. Matson, who passed away 2 years ago, was a full time professor at U.H. until the age of 89. Dr. Matson was a major supporter and advisor of Neil Abercrombie through his years at the University, the State legislature and the Congress. It was Dr. Matson who instilled in all of us, including Governor Abercrombie, the faith, trust, and need to work with people and organizations like the N.F.B., especially the N.F.B. Based on these relationships, I urge you and the Senate of confirm the appointment of Patricia McManaman.

Thank you for all your hard work to help us in the Department of Human Services and in your Senate district.

Mahalo,

Stan Young

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**From:** Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 10:57 AM  
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**From:** Rose Churma [<mailto:rosechurma@mac.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 8:44 PM  
**To:** Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Les Ihara, Jr.  
**Subject:** Patricia McManaman: Testimony in Support

TO: Senate Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senate Vice Chair Les Ihara and Members of the Committee

FROM: Rose Cruz Churma

**RE: GM -509 - Testimony in Support for Patricia McManaman**

Patricia McManaman is the right choice to lead the Department of Human Services, a State department charged with providing services for Hawaii residents in need of financial, nutritional and medical assistance, abused and neglected children and adults, disabled and blind persons in need of vocational rehabilitation, and at-risk children. It is a big department, with a big mission, and a big heart. It needs to be led by someone who has the expertise to carry out its mission and the heart to match.

Pat will bring to the Department experience gained in over 30 years of service on behalf of the working class, low income, and immigrant communities. Her understanding of the non-profit community and commitment to civil rights, and experience as an attorney gives her the insight and expertise to lead the department.

Her previous job, specifically as head of the non-profit organization Na Loio, shows her commitment to the department's mission and the people it serves. It was as a member of Na Loio's Board of Directors that I observed at close range Pat's leadership, competence—but most of all her commitment to serve the underserved.

She will be a tremendous asset to the State of Hawaii and its residents.

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February 24, 2011

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Committee on  
Human Services

Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair, Committee on Human  
Services

Members of the Committee

FROM: Aviam Soifer, Dean and Professor, William S. Richardson  
School of Law, University of Hawai'i

HEARING DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room  
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MEASURE NUMBER: GM509 - Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of  
Patricia McManaman

SUBMITTED BY E-MAIL: [HMSTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HMSTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

**I strongly support the confirmation of Pat McManaman as Director of the Department of Human Services.** I am the Dean and a Professor of Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i; a member of the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission, and the Chairperson of that Commission's Committee on Education, Communications and Conference Planning, but I am providing testimony only in my personal capacity and not on behalf of any other person or entity.

I write to support the confirmation of Pat McManaman with great enthusiasm. I have had the true pleasure as well as the great benefit of working closely with Pat McManaman over the past eight years, primarily in the context of her dedicated and remarkably effective leadership of Na Loio. She and the organization she led did an exceptional job in the service of the public interest and of immigrant rights. In this capacity and in many other ways Pat McManaman has been a true champion for those among us who are most in need of care and legal protection. She is a formidable advocate for those who are most vulnerable. But she is also very effective in terms of the nitty-gritty work of administration, grant-writing, and tough decision-making.

Those of us who have had the pleasure to work alongside Pat McManaman know what an extremely hard-working, strategic, and effective leader she is. To serve as the Director of the Department of Human Services is to undertake a very tough job. I have no doubt, however, that Pat McManaman is an excellent choice to confront the difficulties and challenges that this job presents and to do a first-rate job. I strongly urge you to confirm Pat McManaman.

Please let me know if additional details or different information might be of use to you by contacting me at: 956-6363 or via e-mail at: [soifer@hawaii.edu](mailto:soifer@hawaii.edu).

Thank you.

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February 24, 2011

TO: Senate Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senate Vice Chair  
Les Ihara and Members of the Committee

FROM: Laurie Arial Tochiki, William S. Richardson School of  
Law, University of Hawai'i

HEARING DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 1:15 pm, Room 016

MEASURE NUMBER: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Patricia  
McManaman

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FAX: 586-6131 (Oakland)  
586-6251 (Ihara)

**I strongly support the confirmation of Pat McManaman as Director of the Department of Human Services.** I am writing as an individual with personal and professional experience with the nominee. I have worked with Pat since the early 1990's when she was a per diem judge at the Family Court. At that time I represented children and parents in family court actions, including child welfare matters. As a per diem judge, Pat McManaman was thoughtful, careful, and prepared. She treated each individual and each case with respect and dignity. This is very important in family court matters because the court case load is so heavy, and the cases are so complicated, that judicial preparation demands extraordinary amounts of time and energy. The matters also feel rushed because the calendar is crowded, yet the matters are so important to the individuals, that as a per diem judge, Pat's ability to make parties feel that they are heard was critically important.

Since then, I have worked with Pat in her role as executive director of Na Loio, an immigration rights advocacy organization, and at the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. I am Associate Dean for Student Services at the William S. Richardson School of Law. We have worked together to help students get internship and externship placements, and gain valuable experience in public service. Pat McManaman has also served as a speaker at our law school, helping students and alumni understand the needs of the underprivileged.

I think that it is important for the Director of the Department of Human Services have an understanding of, and hopefully, direct experience with the huge needs of the individuals served by the Department. Pat McManaman will bring this understanding and experience to her new role, and she will serve the people of Hawai'i well.

**LATE****Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant Services**

c/o 1117 Kaili Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

February 23, 2011

**TO:** Senator Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara,  
And Members of the Committee on Human Services

  
**FROM:** Dominic Inocelda, President  
And Members of the Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant Services

**RE:** Supporting the Confirmation of Ms. Patricia McManaman as the Director of the Department of Human Services

It is with pleasure to write on behalf of the members of the Inter-Agency Council for Immigrant Services (IAC) to support the confirmation of Ms. Patricia McManaman as Director of the Department of Human Services. Ms. McManaman, during her tenure as the Executive Director of Na Loio Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, was an active leader and member of the IAC. Ms. McManaman was a key player in the development of the language access bill that was signed into law in 2006, and the creation of the Office of Language Access within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Ms. McManaman has consistently been a strong supporter of immigrant and refugee development in Hawaii. Her knowledge of the legislative process, her ability to justify the need for language access for limited and non-English speaking persons, and her ability to work with others to craft a bill that would successfully pass the House and Senate, are skills that demonstrate Ms. McManaman's strengths.

As the director of Na Loio Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, she demonstrated herself to be a capable leader and administrator. As an immigration attorney, she ensured that clients were provided with services that promoted fair and just treatment in the immigration courtroom. As an advocate, she stood for the rights of immigrants to become responsible participants in the life of their communities. And as a caring person, she strived to meet the daily needs of her needy clients.

We agree that the responsibilities for the Director of the Department of Human Services, especially at this time, is an overwhelming challenge but we know Ms. McManaman to be a tireless fighter that has carefully weighed the situation and has determined that there is a mission for her to make a difference for the people of Hawaii. These are reasons why we support Patricia McManaman's appointment as the Director of the Department of Human Services. We thank the committee for the opportunity to provide our support. If you have need for further information please call me at 554-1006 cell.



# ADULT FOSTER HOMECARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

P.O. Box 970092, Waipahu, Hawai'i 96797

**LATE**

February 23, 2011

**Thelma Ortal**  
President  
*Adult Foster Homecare  
Association of Hawaii*

**Lani Akee**  
Immediate Past President  
*Adult Foster Homecare  
Association of Hawaii*

Testimony in **Strong Support of GM 509** – HMS – 2/24/11 1:15 p.m. Rm 016

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii (AFHA) **strongly supports GM 509** appointing Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services.

An industry organization, AFHA represents the interest of almost 800 licensed Community Care Foster Family Homes (foster homes) in the State of Hawaii, who provide 24-hour 7-days a week caregiving services to those unable to help themselves. DHS has oversight over our program, which means we must work closely with Ms. McManaman.

In the short time she has served as interim director, she has shown an openness in her dealings that have previously been absent. She is giving of her time and expresses a genuine concern for those unable to help themselves and for the foster home program her department oversees. She has facilitated communication between AFHA and its members with key personnel in her department. Although we will not always agree on everything, we are ecstatic to have someone who is accessible and has compassion for the issues we care about.

Therefore, AFHA **strongly supports GM 509** appointing Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services.

Very truly yours,

Thelma Ortal  
President

### About AFHA

The Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) is the industry trade association of providers under the Community Care Foster Family Home program under the Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii. With a membership of almost 750 providers, AFHA's mission is to promote the interests of providers as well as resident clients. AFHA members provide 24-hour care to resident clients 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

# THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

P.O. Box 2441, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804

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February 24, 2011

Testimony in **Strong Support of GM 509** - HMS - 2/24/11 1:15 p.m.  
Rm 016

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the  
Committee:

The Primary Care Providers (TPCP) **strongly supports GM 509**  
appointing Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services.

As one of the largest organizations whose members provide  
caregiving services in the home and community setting, TPCP and its  
members deal with DHS on a daily basis. Over the years, TPCP has  
found that the director of the department sets the tone in the way DHS  
administers various Medicaid programs, which in turn affects the  
ability of our members to do their jobs and earn a living.

We believe Ms. McManaman is right for the job. Her background  
working with disadvantaged individuals sets her in the right frame of  
mind. Under no obligation to do so, Ms. Mcmanaman has kept an open-  
door policy while serving as interim director. We feel comfortable  
with her, which leads to better communication between the department,  
our members, and the disadvantaged clients we serve.

In summary, TPCP reiterates its **strong support of GM 509**  
appointing Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services.

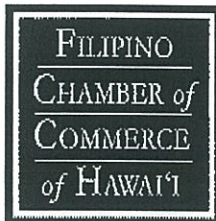
Very truly yours,

The Primary Care Providers (TPCP)

By: Maria Etrata  
President and Founder

#### About TPCP

TPCP's mission is unite the home and community based care giving industry to improve the quality of care provided to elderly and developmentally disabled clients in various home and community based programs, as well as to improve the state of the industry. Together, members of the four organizations have a membership of about 500 and comprise about 35% of the home and community-based caregivers in the State of Hawaii.



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# FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII

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February 24, 2011

**Testimony in Strong Support of GM 509 – HMS – 2/24/11 1:15 p.m. Rm 016**

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce (FCCH) **strongly supports GM 509** appointing Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services.

With a record of compassion for the disadvantaged and downtrodden, the FCCH applauds the appointment of Ms. McManaman to a position that requires true compassion for people. Ms. McManaman's 30 years of service on behalf of the working class, low income, and immigrant communities, and her understanding of the non-profit community and commitment to civil rights indicates she will be able to ably guide DHS in fulfilling its mission.

Perhaps Ms. McManaman's greatest asset, however, is her heart. DHS is a department that must have a heart in delivering services for Hawaii residents in need of financial, nutritional and medical assistance, abused and neglected children and adults, disabled and blind persons in need of vocational rehabilitation, and at-risk children. To adequately fulfill this mission, the department needs a director with a big heart.

Therefore, FCCH reiterates its **strong support of GM 509** appointing Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services.

Very truly yours,

Filipino Chamber of Commerce  
By: Bryan P. Andaya

# ADULT FOSTER HOMECARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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P.O. Box 970092, Waipahu, Hawai'i 96797

February 23, 2011

**Thelma Ortal**  
President  
Adult Foster Homecare  
Association of Hawaii

**TO:** Senate Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senate Vice Chair Les Ihara and  
Members of the Committee

**Lani Akee**  
Immediate Past President  
Adult Foster Homecare  
Association of Hawaii

**FROM:** Lani Akee

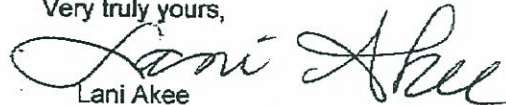
**RE:** GM -509 - Testimony in Support

**Subject:** Confirmation Hearing February 24th

To the Honorable Members of the Committee:

I support in the confirmation process of Patricia McManaman. The Department of Human Services provides services for Hawaii residents in need of financial, nutritional and medical assistance, abused and neglected children and adults, disabled and blind persons in need of vocational rehabilitation, and at-risk children. It is a big Department, with a big mission, and a big heart. After reading her resume and accomplishments I feel confident she will be committed to the Department's mission and the people it serves.

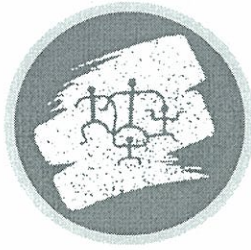
Very truly yours,



Lani Akee  
PH: 351-3741

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**PACT** PARENTS AND  
CHILDREN TOGETHER  
A FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY

**LATE**

**TO: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services**

**FROM: Ruthann Quitiquit, President & CEO  
Parents And Children Together**

**DATE: February 24, 2011**

**SUBJECT: GM509 -- Confirmation of Patricia McManaman for  
the Director of the Department of Human Services**

My name is Ruthann Quitiquit and I am the President and CEO of Parents And Children Together. I have held this position for over 15 years and have worked at PACT for over 25 years. I have also worked for the Department of Social Services (DHS) for over three years. In my work at PACT and DHS, I have had opportunity to interact with four Department of Human Services Directors, and I believe I have knowledge of the personality and skills required for the Director's position.

I recently met Patricia McManaman as I did not know her from her previous work in the community. However, since she was appointed by Governor Abercrombie as the acting DHS Director, I have had numerous occasions to interact with her in public forums and in person. Within these interactions, I have found Ms. McManaman to, within a very short time, have a wealth of understanding regarding the many roles and responsibilities of the Department of Human Services. She has been proactive and understanding of the multitude of issues presented by DHS providers and has demonstrated the ability to listen to these concerns and recommendations on how to move the department forward. At the same time she has been clear about the mission of DHS and her role in meeting the department's goals. She has rallied the DHS workers to move forward in dealing with the growing issues facing the Department.

Based upon my and other PACT staff's interactions with Ms. McManaman, Parents And Children Together support her appointment as the Director of the Department of Human Services. If you would like to speak directly with me about my testimony, please call me at the number below.



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## CONGRESS OF VISAYAN ORGANIZATIONS

99-1325 Aiea Heights Drive, Aiea, Hawaii 96701

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM509, CONFIRMING PAT McMANAMAN AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Human Services

FROM: Serafin "Jun" Colmenares  
Executive Director

DATE: February 24, 2011 Hearing  
1:15 p.m., Room 016

SUBJECT: GM509 – Confirmation of Pat McManaman as Director of the Department  
of Human Services

My name is Serafin Colmenares Jr., Executive Director of the Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO), the statewide umbrella of more than a dozen organizations of Filipinos of Visayan ancestry in Hawaii.

In behalf of the officers and members of COVO, I strongly support the confirmation of Pat McManaman as Director of the Department of Human Services.

Pat McManaman has devoted her life in the service of Hawaii's people, especially the immigrant community and the most vulnerable in our population. This is clearly shown in her work as Executive Director of Na Loio, as a per diem judge, and as Deputy Executive Director of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. She has been a strong supporter and advocate of immigrant rights and was a major force behind the passage of Hawaii's language access law and the establishment of the Office of Language Access. She has shown compassion and fairness in her dealings with individuals and groups in the community.

I believe that Pat McManaman possesses the necessary background and experience, the leadership, and the dedication to Hawaii's people and to public service. For these reasons, I urge the committee to confirm her appointment as Director of the Department of Human Services.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

LATE

Gerald Ohta  
2916 Date Street 21H  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

February 24, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice-Chair  
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Member  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Member  
Senate Committee on Human Services

SUBJECT: Governor's Message 509 – Supporting the confirmation of The Honorable Patricia McManaman as Director of Human Services

The Hawai'i State Department of Human Services says on its website that its mission is for its staff, "day-in and day-out, to provide timely, efficient and effective programs, services and benefits, for the purpose of achieving the outcome of empowering those who are the most vulnerable in our State to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life and personal dignity."

Ms. McManaman has spent her life committed to just those purposes. She is the right person for these challenging times when our most vulnerable are beset most by the social and economics onslaughts of the day.

It is with earnest anticipation that I look forward to her continuing her reasoned, sensitive, humane, and compassionate work on behalf of everyone, especially the most vulnerable.

Her dedicated advocacy, vigilance, and care as the Executive Director of Na Loio - an immigrant rights legal center, as Deputy Executive Director of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and as Per Diem District Court Judge have proved her ability to work in all arenas with fairness, passion and purpose .

She is the right person in the right place at the right time to make the difficult choices to come and to set positive direction for now and the future. Please recommend to the Senate that Ms. Patricia McManaman be confirmed.

If you have further questions, or need more information, please contact me at [gohtahpha@yahoo.com](mailto:gohtahpha@yahoo.com) or 808-295-4074.

Mahalo,

Gerald Ohta



The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011

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THE SENATE  
Committee on Human Services  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
Thursday, February 24, 2011; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 509  
PATRICIA MCMANAMAN  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Patricia McManaman for Director of the Department of Human Services.

Ms. McManaman has a distinguished record as an attorney, which will serve her well in the Department of Human Services. She is an expert in immigration law, civil rights, and domestic violence.

Ms. McManaman has ably led Na Loio, a nonprofit law corporation whose clientele are mostly immigrants, first as a staff attorney then for several years as its executive director. Prior to her nomination, she served as deputy director for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

Ms. McManaman possesses the skills and qualifications required for the position of Director. Above all, however, Ms. McManaman possesses the compassion and temperament needed to understand and serve the Department's clients.

The Department of Human Services is an organization that has often been seen as a huge bureaucracy that seems more intent on managing state funds rather than serving the needs of its clientele. A sometimes adversarial relationship between clients and the Department appears to have led to discontent and distrust. We believe Ms. McManaman will be able to restore confidence in the Department and ensure that the Department will work to assist low-income residents toward self-sufficiency.

Another key quality that will serve Ms. McManaman well as Director is her ability to work with others. She understands and will collaborate with community organizations and will be responsive to the Legislature. She is open to all ideas and will instill in her staff and others a willingness to consider every opportunity to seek funding for Human Services as well as new and better ways to achieve the Department's goals.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Patricia McManaman as Director of the Department of Human Services. Thank you for considering our testimony.

LATE

**Testimony in Support of GM 509**

Senate Human Services Committee  
February 24, 2011, 1:15 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Legislature

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director of the Department of Human Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA MCMANAMAN, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.

To: Senate Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senate Vice Chair Les Ihara and Members of the Committee

From: Jason Espero

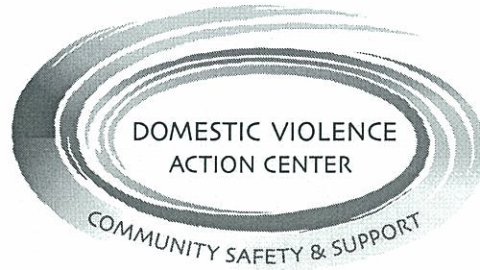
I writing in support to Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination to consider and confirm Patricia McManaman as the Director of the Department of Human Services.

Ms. McManaman's decades of experience of service on behalf of the working class, low income, and immigrant communities; her understanding of the non-profit community; her commitment to civil rights; and her experience as an attorney makes her well suited to take on the role as the Director of the Department of Human Services.

I humbly request your support in her confirmation.

Mahalo,

Jason Espero  
Private Citizen



LATE

TO: Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Vice Chair and Members of the Committee

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: Support GM 509

Aloha. Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Pat McManaman as Director of Human Services. This testimony is our statement of unqualified support for her confirmation.

Pat McManaman has been a committed advocate for vulnerable constituencies in our community for many years. Her work as Executive Director of Na Loio is well known and her service at the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission has been valuable in protecting important individual's rights. Her appointment to Department of Human Services is another way to protect and support the needs of our low income, differently abled, children, elderly and victim's populations.

Pat is thoughtful, decisive, accessible and creative—all qualities that will benefit the department and the community. Pat has served tirelessly those in our community who need her insightful convictions.

We have a great deal of confidence in Pat and trust that the overwhelming support she receives at this hearing is persuasive and sufficient to secure her confirmation.

Thank you for giving consideration to our testimony.

LATE

**ChunOakland2 - Tyrell**

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**From:** CGoss@dhs.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 9:24 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** confirmation hearing for DHS Director Patricia McManaman GM 509, 2/24/2011, 1:15 pm

My name is Cynthia Goss, I am the Assistant Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator and I have been in this position since November 16, 2010. I have been a CPS worker for 26 years and enjoy the satisfaction that comes with helping families and collaborating with our community partners.

In my short time working with Interim Director McManaman, I find her to be supportive of our program, inclusive, and solution focused. Director McManaman is sensitive to our clients and families, and to our staff's needs. The workforce is looking forward to strong and supportive leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Cynthia Goss  
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February 23, 2011

To: The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair

SUBJECT: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF GM 509  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Director of the  
Department of Human Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA  
MCMANAMAN, for a term to expire December 1, 2014.

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011

Time: 1:15 p.m

Place: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

Partners In Development Foundation (PIDF) is grateful for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the confirmation of Patricia McManaman as Director of the Department of Human Services.

PIDF is a public non-profit organization that largely serves *at-risk populations* of the Native-Hawaiian community on all major islands within our State, in the areas of education, social services and, environmental sustainability.

While we have had only a few opportunities to meet with Ms. McManaman, our interaction with her to date has left us with a positive attitude regarding her understanding of the people she will be called upon to serve during the duration of her tenure as Director of the DHS.

We are optimistic, and believe that she will be able to meet and overcome the present challenges facing our community during these times. As such, we ask that she be confirmed as Director, and given the opportunity to do so.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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**LATE****PACIFIC GATEWAY CENTER**

February 24, 2011

To: Chair- Committee of Human Services

Dear Senator Chun Oakland:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for Pat McManaman in her position as Executive Director of the Department of Human Services. Her dedication and determination to help others is both admirable and inspiring. There is no doubt that the future accomplishments made under her leadership will be plentiful.

Ms. McManaman has been practicing law in Hawaii since 1979, holding public interest legal positions with the Office of Consumer Protection, Office of the Public Defender, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Correspondingly, Ms. McManaman has served as a per diem judge in the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii for 17 years. This of course, is in addition to her 12 years spent as the Chief Executive Officer for Na Loio-Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center.

With Ms. McManaman's compassion and skill, she has demonstrated time and again that she is a just and good lawyer. From offering free legal services to those with households of low to moderate-income, to her passion and experience in providing immigration legal services and advocacy for people living in Hawai'i; Ms. McManaman is sure to make positive change wherever she goes. For these reasons, on behalf of myself, and the Pacific Gateway Center, Pat McManaman has our complete support.

Sincerely,

Tin Myaing Thcin  
Executive Director  
Pacific Gateway Center