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TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Keali'i Lopez, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 535, regarding the appointment of Carl D. Johnsen to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Johnsen's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

The Department has been in contact with Mr. Johnsen regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on our discussion, I believe that he possesses

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

Mr. Johnsen has made Hawaii his home since 1972. He attended the Hawaii Pacific University after serving a military tour of duty in Vietnam, and graduated with honors as the class valedictorian in 1975.

Mr. Johnsen embarked on his commercial real estate career in 1977 where he managed a portfolio of neighborhood and resort shopping centers from Princeville Center on Kauai to the Pioneer Inn on Maui as a commercial property manager for Norris, Beggs & Simpson of Hawaii. He went on to serve as the Real Estate Manager for Food Pantry Limited, which include all Foodland Supermarkets, Kalama Beach Corp., Pantry Victuals, Pacific Warehouse, and Maurice J. Sullivan companies, where he managed the development of the six-story office building on Harding Avenue that serves as the corporate headquarters for Foodland Supermarkets.

Mr. Johnsen was named President of Hawaii Management Corp. where he was responsible for the \$7 million revitalization and re-tenanting of the Koko Marina Shopping Center, provided development consulting, leasing and management services for the Kiahuna (resort) Shopping Village, and served as the redevelopment consultant and pre-redevelopment manager for the resurrection of the former Mitsukoshi Building at the entrance to Waikiki. In 1989, he founded Johnsen Properties, Ltd. which provided supervisory management and leasing services for shopping center space including the Windward Mall, Koko Marina Shopping Center, and Mililani Shopping Center. Mr. Johnsen currently manages and leases the Hawaii Kai Shopping Center as the Principal Broker for IDG Realty (Hawaii) Ltd., and holds the Senior Shopping Center

Manager (SCSM) designation awarded by the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

Mr. Johnsen's extensive professional and community involvement include serving as the Hawaii State Director for ICSC, Membership Chair of the Building Owner and Managers Association (BOMA) Hawaii, member of Hawaii Pacific University's Business Advisory Council, Director of the Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association, and Chair of the Deacon's committee of Central Union Church.

Mr. Johnsen's professed passion for automobiles coupled with his extensive and illustrious professional achievements and experiences would prove to be a valuable asset to the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Johnsen's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.