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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 616-Tiffany Vara. Written Testimony of Laura Ozak, R.N.,
J.D., in support of Ms. Vara's appointment to the State Council
on Developmental Disabilities

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services
Committee:

I am writing in support of Tiffany Vara's appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Governor's Message 616. I am a registered nurse and attorney with Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina & Fairbanks. I am also a CASA certified Volunteer Guardian ad Litem with Family Court and a Public Member on the Board of Psychology. I have known Tiffany Vara for many years, and she is a tireless and effective advocate for individuals with disabilities. As the mother of a little girl with developmental challenges, Ms. Vara has much empathy for the challenges faced by the disabled and their families. She is bright, articulate, inquisitive and very knowledgeable relative to services for the disabled. She is a wonderful support to our clients who have brain injured children, and she is always willing to share ideas to help all disabled individuals meet their full potential. Her honest character and warm personality make all who come in contact with her feel supported and welcome. She is a great asset to our community, and would be a great asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I respectfully ask for your Committee's favorable consideration in confirmation of Tiffany Vara to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Laura Ozak, R.N., J.D.

From: Kau'i Rezendes [kai@hilopaa.org]
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March 30, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kau'i Rezendes and I am the Ho'okele Kokua for the Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center. I am writing to you to express **strong support** for Governor's Message, Tiffany Vara:GM 616, to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Tiffany Vara for six years since our two babies were in Kapiolani Medical Center together. Our children were both in the hospital for a number of months and we spent many a night talking about all the things we would do to help change the system when we got out. We have worn the Parent Advocate hat to tirelessly fight for our children and to make sure no other family goes through what we have. As I have followed Tiffany through the years I have watched her grow as an advocate to fight for what is right for children with disabilities as well as defy the odds with her own daughter and I believe for that, she would be a great asset to the Council.

Please consider Tiffany Vara to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

~kau'i rezendes~

Ho'okele Kokua

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