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April 6, 2011

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Education Committee  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol – Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Hearings re GM651 through GM659

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

As a member of the business community engaged in the improvement of our State's public school system since at least 2002, I am writing to urge the Committee to confirm Governor Abercrombie's appointment to the State Board of Education of all nine individuals noted in GM651 through GM659.

Because of pressing matters that require policy leadership by the Board of Education in the next few weeks, it is crucial that the new Board be put in place as quickly as possible. Among these matters are the negotiation of new contracts with the teachers' and principals' unions, and the advancement of bold reform initiatives outlined in the State's winning Race to the Top plan.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

H. Mitchell D'Olier  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

**Erin Conner**

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**From:** Ross Wilson [rossw@current-events.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 10:22 AM  
**To:** EDU Testimony  
**Subject:** Support For Brian Delima to BOE

Aloha!

I am a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii and currently reside on the Kona side of the island.

I read about Brian Delima's nomination to the Board of Education and I was delighted to see his name mentioned.

I have known Brian and have followed his career for over 30 years and he is the epitome of a local kamaaina doing great things for our island community.

Brian Delima will be a breath of fresh air to the Board of Education and I'm confident that he will represent all of us on the Big Island as well as all of us in the state well.

I ask for your support to confirm Brian Delima to the Board of Education.  
Mahalo for your kokua!

Sincerely,

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April 5, 2011

Re: Nomination of Brian DeLima to The Board of Education

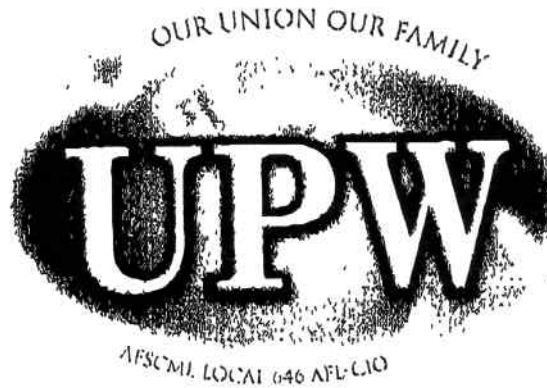
Dear Governor and Legislature House and Senate Members:

I have known Brian DeLima since college at the University of Hawaii at Hilo some 34 years ago. Brian has always been upstanding, honest, competent, caring, and extremely effective at anything he puts his mind to. I would support Brian's appointment to any post that any authority appointed him to and which he accepted. Brian is not only one of the most competent people I have ever known, he is extremely effective at gathering community support for any task he puts his mind and great talents to.

My endorsement may come as a surprise to Brian. We have been on opposing sides of various issues over the years. I think my working with and in some cases in opposition to his position has put me in a position to give a fair and unbiased judgment of his outstanding abilities and character.

Sincerely,

Steven B. Dixon

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April 1, 2011

Ms. Jill Tokuda, Chair  
 Committee Members  
 Committee on Education  
 Hawaii State Legislature

RE: Confirmation of BOE Nominee Brian J. De Lima, April 6, 2011 at 1:15p.m.

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Brian De Lima for the Board of Education. Brian has developed a long standing relationship with United Public Workers and has shown that he is capable of maintaining a positive labor/management relationship.

The Union believes it is important to have an individual with the knowledge, skills, ability and experience to deal with the issues facing our educational systems. He has the energy and commitment to work towards improving the educational system and he is a great communicator skilled at finding positive solutions to difficult problems.

Your favorable consideration in confirming Brian De Lima to a position on the Board of Education is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

DAYTON M. NAKANELUA  
 State Director

c: William P. Kenoi, Mayor