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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members
Senate Education Committee
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM699

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members,

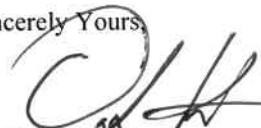
I fully support the confirmation of Janice Sachiko Bond to serve as a Commissioner of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, a position she has previously held.

Ms. Bond is extremely qualified for this position based on her extensive history of volunteerism and devotion to her community. Examples include her extensive work with Girl Scouts of America, the Visitor Aloha Society of Kauai, Read To Me International Foundation and the Tobacco Free Community Coalition, among much other volunteer work.

I have known Ms. Bond for many years. During this time, I have found her to be fair, reliable, and a true representative of the spirit of *aloha*. Her self-less nature is evidenced by her numerous awards for her work with the AARP, the Drug Free Coalition and the Kauai Retired Teachers Association. Her dedication to improving her community extends beyond her volunteer activities—she was a public school teacher for more than 20 years, devoting her energy and countless man-hours to improving the lives and opportunities of Hawaii's youth.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Ms. Bond would do an excellent job as a Commissioner of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, which administers the Hawaii AmeriCorps Program. Her leadership would be invaluable in addressing needs of the Commission at the community level.

Sincerely Yours,


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