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April 13, 2011

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 701, Nomination to Hawaii State Commission on National and Community Service

Dear Senator Tokuda:

Please find below my answers to your letter, dated April 5, 2011, regarding my nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service (HCNCS).

1. I wish to be a member of the HCNCS to participate in promoting volunteerism and community service as official policies of the State of Hawaii.
2. My background in human services has given me the opportunity to see the critical role that volunteers and individuals participating in formal programs like VISTA and AmeriCorps can have in delivering critical services to communities throughout Hawaii. Given the proper incentives and support, many of our citizens demonstrate daily their desire to contribute to volunteer their service and skills to helping people in need, the environment, and education. As a former Volunteer Coordinator and a social work practicum instructor I have learned what it takes to motivate those who desire to provide service to their community. I hope to bring my years of experience with these programs to the Commission to assist in implementing practical ideas that promote more effective use of volunteers and community service program members.
3. As previously stated I have many years of experience with the development and management of volunteer programs. My training and experience as a social worker has also contributed to my skills in utilizing volunteers in an effective manner to provide services to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. My experience as Director of Programs at the Waikiki Health Center also has provided me the opportunity to learn how critical volunteers are to delivering services to vulnerable populations such as the homeless, elderly, at risk youth, and victims of crime. I also have extensive experience in working with the former First Ladies Annual Volunteer Recognition program.

4. a. Securing adequate funding to support volunteer and community service programs in Hawaii
 - b. Review the State Strategic Plan for promoting volunteerism and community service
 - c. Develop strategies for achieving adequate incentives and recognition programs that encourage sustainable volunteer and community service programs.
5. Our local, state, and national fiscal crises actually provides many opportunities to think more creatively about how volunteerism and community service can help filling gaps in critical human services. Volunteering can opened new doors and vistas on job and career opportunities. Effectively harnessing the many skills of our unemployed workers can be an important strategy for both assisting the unemployed and helping the community.
6. I am not aware of any potential conflicts that would give rise to conflicts of interest that may arise during my service with HCNCS. I am very familiar with procedures for ethically resolving conflicts of interest should they arise.

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Testimony



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GOVERNOR

Friday, April 15, 2011, 1:15 PM
State Capitol Room 225

Testimony of
Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Education Committee
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

GM701 Confirmation of **Lisa A. Dunn** to the
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to support the confirmation of Lisa A. Dunn to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. I have appointed Dunn to represent higher education on the Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2014.

Dunn is currently an instructor and adjunct faculty member at Hawaii Pacific University where she teaches "Victims and the Criminal Justice System."

Dunn's community service spans her three decade career. Her career included service at United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii, the Hawaiian Humane Society, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Waikiki Health Center, Child and Family Service, and the Salvation Army.

Dunn's volunteer work is extensive. It includes the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, the Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Partners in Care, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Ballet Hawaii, La Petra School for Girls, and the Waikiki Sexual Assault Prevention Committee.

I am excited that Dunn is willing to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am sure that you will find Dunn qualified for the Commission and encourage you to confirm her.

Chita Stewart
Chair

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Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

From: Isaac Watson, Executive Director
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date: April 15, 2011

Subject: GM 701 - Consideration and Confirmation of Lisa Dunn to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service

Madam Chair, my name is Isaac Watson and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the appointment of Ms. Lisa Dunn to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

Ms. Lisa Dunn would be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service as she brings to the Commission years of experience in the non-profit community. The majority of the Commission's funding goes to non-profit agencies and with her knowledge and experience in the non-profit community she could easily assist the other commissioners who are not familiar with the operations of a non-profit agency. She also brings years of experience as a volunteer and a volunteer coordinator which would be valuable in the commission's effort to promote volunteerism in our state.

Madam Chair, I strongly urge your support in appointing Ms. Lisa Dunn to the Commission in order that she may be able to provide her expertise and insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission that will foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.