

April 10, 2011

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

The reasons that I wish to be a commissioner of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services are varied. I have been a resident of the State of Hawaii for over 35 years and worked in the not-for-profit sector for over twenty years. During that time, I witnessed the decline in resources for services to populations that were suffering. When President Bill Clinton introduced the National and Community Services idea, I was very hopeful that there might be greater resources for our State. In fact, that did occur and I was fortunate to be able to participate in the review of grants to the Americorps Commission here, as a member and Chair. I also saw the great benefit to young people who became Americorps volunteers and engaged in community service in our programs in the State. I have followed the careers of some of those volunteers and have seen a great number of them continue their involvement in community service. I am also engaged in Education and see the impact that volunteering in the community has had on my students and the students in our programs at SEED (Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity). The students have described their engagement as "life changing" and eye-opening" with regards to their increased awareness and knowledge of issues in our community. I feel that anyone who volunteers gains as much as they give from the experience while giving something back to the community. I would like to give something to the State in terms of my own engagement and the HCNCSS is a great way of doing that.

I see my role on the HCNCSS commission as helping to facilitate the increase in resources (human and monetary) to the populations who need them most. I would like to participate in the selection of grants that would best accomplish that, and to help in the recruitment of volunteers to carry out the work of those grants and programs. My responsibilities would be to be as fair and inclusive in the selection of grants, to keep informed of the updated information about the NCS funding sources, to identify needs in the community, and to encourage community service among our residents. I would also like to contribute to the development of a long-term plan for the State for community involvement in decision-making and in volunteer service for our residents. I have a background in community organizing and in grant writing and these skill might be useful for the HCNCSS.

I feel that I am qualified for the position of Commissioner because: 1) I have already successfully served as both as a member and Chair of the HCNCSS commission (1994-1996) and felt it was a worthwhile endeavor and a great learning opportunity; 2) I have been an Executive Director of a not-for-profit agency here in Hawai'i and understand the needs within local communities for volunteers and for resources; 3) I am an educator who understands the need for engagement of young people in the decision-making, problem-solving, and giving back to the community; 4) I was a single mother for many years and benefitted both from social service programs and from community service here in Honolulu; 5) I have been a life-long volunteer and recognize the value of community service. These skills will enable me to recruit volunteers for Americorps, to review grants for new and continuing community service programs, and to make a contribution to carrying out the mandates of the HCNCSS.

My top three priorities for HCNCS would be: 1)To encourage as many people as appropriate to engage in community service and to make a contribution to the State; 2) To develop a sustainable plan for community service initiatives to be carried out in our State; 3)To represent our State to the National Community Services organization to assure that we receive funding for community programs and service.

The current economic recession may have an impact on volunteerism in Hawaii. However, the Americorps program is an exception in that those who volunteer receive benefits that would encourage them to engage in community service. Not only do they come to understand the community needs and resources, they can be a part of problem-solving and decision-making that could alleviate some of the suffering in our community. In addition, they receive some financial assistance that would facilitate their schooling. I believe that once a person becomes involved in community service, one can never forget the needs and suffering of people, and the possibilities to affect that suffering in a positive way. I also know that being engaged in community service gives people a sense of civic responsibility that does not disappear and that they continue to be involved in some form of community service.

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest that would impact my service to the HCNCS. I believe I can act fairly and can work with a variety of perspectives, and that I can offer a reasoned assessment of need and value. I very much feel that the HCNCS has tremendous potential and has already provided great assistance to the State of Hawai'i and to those who are in need in our State. I would very much like the opportunity to serve our State in this capacity and hope that you will see the benefit of my involvement.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lee Masters, Ph.D.

GM702

Testimony



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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

GM702 Confirmation of **Patricia L. Masters** 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 Patricia L. Masters to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I have appointed Masters to serve on the Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2014.

Masters has been involved in higher education as a director, professor, faculty member and academic dean for over thirty years. Her commitment to learning has been reflected in her academic career and awards. Currently, Masters is Associate Director of the Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity Program at University of Hawaii at Manoa where she directs 20 programs that focus on issues of diversity and equity and a program for senior citizens to take college courses.

Masters is a global citizen. Her professional work includes advocacy for immigrants and refugees through her work at the Kalihi-Palama Interagency Council for Immigrants and Refugees (1976-77), Governor's Office of Immigrant and Refugee Services (1977-78), University of Hawaii Asian and Pacific Health Program, Friends World College East Asian Center, and Mutual Assistance Association Center. Her recent work includes international studies programs at Antioch University, Loyola Marymount University, and MacQuarie University. Masters has studied five world languages and been awarded multiple Fulbright Fellowships to study in Sri Lanka.

I know that you will find Masters qualified for the Commission and encourage you to confirm her.

Chita Stewart
Chair

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Vice Chair



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Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

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To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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 702 - Consideration and Confirmation of Patricia Masters 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. Patricia Masters to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

Ms. Masters would be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service as she brings to the Commission years of experience working with students in the area of higher education. Ms. Masters also served as one of the founding members of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service in 1994 so she is very familiar the concept of AmeriCorps and its initiatives. In addition, working on the University of Hawaii campus would help the commission in promoting volunteerism and the AmeriCorps program to the students at UH-Manoa.

Madam Chair, I strongly urge your support in appointing Ms. Patricia Masters 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.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM702

Senate Committee on Education

April 15, 2011, 1:15 p.m. Hawai'i State Legislature Room 225

To: Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
 Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
 Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Education:
 Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Sen. Brian Taniguchi,
 Sen. Sam Slom

From: Christine Quemuel, Director, University of Hawai'i at Manoa Women's Center
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission
 for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Christine Quemuel, I am the Director of the Women's Center at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. The Women's Center reports directly to the Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity (SEED) Program within the Office of Student Affairs at Manoa. Patricia Lee Masters is the Associate Director of SEED, where she oversees much of the day-to-day programming and planning for our unit.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because I believe she will be an excellent addition to the commission because of her ability to be fair and equitable. Patricia has extensive experience in a range of educational settings and her career has been one dedicated to serving others. In addition, she has valuable past experience on the HCNCS and an understanding of non-profits and the needs of our diverse communities in Hawai'i. I have no doubt that Patricia will inspire volunteers for service to ensure a brighter future for our state.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Christine Quemuel
Director
Women's Center, University of Hawai'i at Manoa



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To: Honorable Sen Jill Tokuda, Chair
Honorable Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Education: Sen.
Suzanne Chun Oakland, Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Sen. Brian
Taniguchi, Sen. Sam Slom

FROM: Amy Agbayani, Co-chair

RE: GM 702 - Testimony in Support of Patricia Masters for the
National Commission on Community Service

I am representing the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights in support of Pat Masters. HF CR supports policies, programs and individuals who are committed to civil rights and equality. Dr. Pat Masters and I have worked on many community issues over the decades: immigration, educational access, and health. I am also her supervisor at the University of Hawaii and her work is very relevant to the goals of the Commission. Dr. Masters has a track record of community service to our state and she supports the goals of equality and justice for all. She understands and appreciates diversity in our island state and the need to provide equal access and support college students and our citizens to engage in community service activities. This is a very important public agency because it provides needed training and direct community services. Pat Masters will be an independent, thoughtful and responsible member of the Commission. I respectfully urge you to support her nomination.

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From: Rick and Annie Bernstein
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i
Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-
2014.

Our names are Rick and Annie Bernstein. We have been close personal friends and associates of Patricia Masters for over thirty years. We have studied with her and she with us. We have witnessed Patricia as a teacher and leader of university students in their study-abroad programs in India. Rick teaches yoga and meditation and Annie teaches Tai Chi. We participated in helping Patricia organize and conduct the visit of His Holiness The Dalai Lama to Honolulu. She is truly gifted in her ability to connect with people in a meaningful way.

We are submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because she is an adept communicator, an organized and effective facilitator, and a person of the highest ideals and character. We recommend Patricia for this important position because she is worthy and capable of doing a fine job. This position will provide a meaningful channel for her deep and sincere interest of service to humanity.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Rick and Annie Bernstein

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2014.

My name is Kathy Ferguson. I am a professor in the Department of Political Science and Women's Studies Program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I was Pat Master's teacher and a member of her dissertation committee and have known her for 25 years.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because Pat is a hardworking, creative, and humble individual who will work hard to develop the Americorps program in our state. She is an experienced educator, having worked at several UH campuses, several mainland universities, and several study-abroad programs in universities outside the U.S. She is an experienced administrator, accustomed to making programs work, solving problems, and creating a cohesive and supportive working environment. Pat excels at bringing people together, gathering up the threads that each person brings to the task, and focusing their work in a common direction. She is effective, patient, and funny. I recommend her most highly for this appointment.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Kathy E. Ferguson
Professor
Department of Political Science and Women's Studies Program

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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Aloha Senators Tokuda and Kidani, and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Markus Faigle. I am Project Director of Zahana, a community participatory development organization in Madagascar. Zahana's founder Dr. Ramihantaniarivo founded the community benefit organization in 1998 upon returning home, after receiving her Masters of Public Health at the School of Public Health at UH Manoa. Hence this project has strong ties to Hawaii, despite the fact that it is active on the other side of the globe.

I have the great privilege of knowing Dr. Masters since the third day we arrived in Hawaii in August 1995 and I met her at an orientation session at the East-West Center. Since then I was able to follow her career and know her as a passionate and committed educator. Personally I have greatly benefited from her professional experience as an advisor and mentor for our work in Madagascar with Zahana. Her experience in strategic planning and her knowledge of the issues being and MPH herself had a great influence on the direction we took with Zahana. The fact the Dr. Masters has already served, both as a member and Chair of the HCNCS commission (1994-1996), leads me to believe that we could greatly benefit from her experience and knowledge in the new millennium as well.

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service. I think her contribution would greatly benefit us living in Hawaii.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,



Markus Faigle

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From: Thea Bellos, President, Global Stewards Institute
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Thea Bellos. I am the President of The Global Stewards Institute, Professor of Business at Golden Gate University and Dominican University of California, and Principal Consultant of The Bellos Group. Since 2008, I have known Dr. Patricia Masters in several capacities including:

- She served as a key member of the Executive Team and the Academic Dean on The Scholar Ship in 2008. I served as a faculty member on this semester-long academic program and Leader of the International Business Learning Circle.
- Currently, she is serving on the Board of The Global Stewards Institute (GSI) and Vice-President of Academic Affairs. She was a founding member of the Board of this non-profit organization and key member of the Executive team that developed the *Global Leadership Certificate Program*. This semester-long Post Graduate Professional Certificate Program was developed in partnership with University of California Riverside. Dr. Masters is serving as the lead curriculum developer and GSI's advisor to the University of California, Riverside.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because I have the deepest respect and admiration for her commitment to education, equality, diversity and peace. The breadth and depth of her experience in the non-profit sector and community service, and her life-long career in international education, would make her an invaluable asset to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Services. She holds a world-view and a compassionate style of leadership that has been an inspiration to everyone who has worked with her, and by everyone who has been touched by her warmth, engaged intelligence and generosity. An effective administrator, skilled grant writer and program developer, and lauded professor of Asian Political and Religious Studies, Dr. Masters has also held many senior level positions in academia and government in both the U.S. and abroad. She served on the Commission and was the Chair for two years (1994-96). This opportunity will provide her with another excellent way to serve the State of Hawaii and the nation.

Thank you for hearing this testimony for this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service. Please feel free to contact me for additional information. (T: 510-540-5725 or <mailto:tbellos@globalstewardsinstitute.org>)

Sincerely,
Thea Bellos
President, Global Stewards Institute

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From: Ernest Oshiro, PhD, Retired Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii - West
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for
National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Ernest Oshiro. I am a retired Professor of Economics from the University of Hawaii West
Oahu and I am a friend and colleague of Pat Masters.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil
Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because I wanted to let the
committee know of the integrity and compassion of Dr Masters. Dr Masters and I coordinated a
Temple Tours Class in Buddhism for the Outreach College at UH Manoa for Fall 2010 and Spring
2011. I know very well the kind of person Dr Masters is in terms of her integrity towards her work
and her relationship to others and the compassion she has for all people. She has a genuine concern for
helping people in need and I would be proud to have Dr Masters represent the State in the capacity of
guidance to the Americorp commission. In addition to empathy, Dr Masters has the skills and
intelligence for this position. I wholehearted support her nomination.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee
Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Ernest Oshiro
Retired Professor of Economics
University of Hawaii - West Oahu

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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Goro Sulijoadikusumo. I am a friend of Patricia Lee Masters (for over 20 years).

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because of her many years of dedication and service to the community such as her involvement with creating Palolo Pride.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Goro Sulijoadikusumo

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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Carol Murry. I am now an independent consultant in international health after a career of over 30 years in public health, including positions as nonprofit Executive Director and University of Hawai'i Professor. I have known and worked with Patricia for almost 30 years and am a close friend.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because she is absolutely qualified for the position. She has demonstrated her qualifications for this position through both her professional experience and her extracurricular activities. She not only has the experience to suit her for this position, but she has experience with this program and understands exactly what the position will entail. Her priorities for the program are clear and well suited for the needs of this position. Based on my experience with Patricia, she will work hard, be well informed, solve problems, and work well with the other members. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Carol Murry, DrPH
Independent Consultant in International Health

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From: Robert C. Schmidt
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Robert C. Schmidt. I am a retired American diplomat (Senior Foreign Service Officer) and personal friend of Patricia Lee Masters for nearly 30 years.

I am submitting testimony in strong support for the appointment of Pat Masters by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because I have known her for nearly 30 years as an individual dedicated to service, service to the community, particularly to Hawaii, service to the cause of international peace and understanding, and service to her family and friends.

Pat Masters and I first met in the early 1980's, when our mutual interest in Asia in general and Buddhism in particular sparked a lasting friendship. Over the years, I have known Pat as a scholar and teacher, assiduously pursuing her doctorate in peace studies, and introducing both foreign and American students to wider worlds. She was a capable and caring escort and leader for a group of East-West Center grantees during a summer term in Washington DC, where I had the opportunity to observe first-hand. I also saw how seriously she took her responsibilities for overseeing a variety of study-in-Asia programs for American students and have met several of those students myself, all of whom felt enriched by the experiences Pat had provided them. Since retiring back to Hawaii in 2006, I have had the opportunity to reconnect with Pat in her role as a teacher of the Buddhist dhamma, both in courses at the Center for Buddhist Studies on University Avenue and as a volunteer instructor in the UH Outreach Program, a program in which she has introduced students to the great variety of Buddhist temples in Oahu.

Pat Masters is a community servant, a serious and dedicated scholar and teacher, and a devoted friend, loved and respected by all who know her. I believe she would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

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From: Joanna Crocker, PhD, President
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Joanna Crocker. I was the first director/coordinator of Kokua Mau, Hawai's End-of-Life Care Coalition from 1999-2002 and fellow political science graduate student and neighbor of Patricia Lee Masters from 1985-1995. Patricia Masters has advised me on many service projects over the 26 years I have known her.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service, because of her immense skill in bringing diverse people together and helping them discover new possibilities within themselves and within the organizations they serve. During the time we were developing Kokua Mau, Dr. Masters was a frequent source of inspiration and wisdom. Through her advice, she played no small part in helping me and the Kokua Mau team win Harvard's Innovations in American Government finalist award in 2001 and semi-finalist award in 2002. Dr. Masters is also graced with abundant common-sense and is very good at making things work well and sustainably within organizations. From the day I met Dr. Masters 26 years ago, my experience has been that she embodies the best qualities of the Avalokitesvara that she wrote about in her Asian Studies programs.

I also served Hawaii as a Legislative Auditor performance audit staff and have met and worked with many people in service to Hawaii. I can think of none better than Dr. Masters for this service.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

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From: **Doris Segal Matsunaga**
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Doris Segal Matsunaga. I am a public health administrator and educator and long time colleague of Patricia Masters.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service. Pat previously served on this Commission as the Chair for two years (1994-1996) and is thus familiar with the scope and importance of the work. Pat has a long history of service and education in Hawaii and internationally, and will bring intelligence, integrity, compassion and organizational skills to her service on this Commission.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Doris Segal Matsunaga, MPH

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From: Richard Y Okubo
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial
Nominee, PATRICIA L. MASTERS, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

My name is Richard Y Okubo. I am a colleague of Patricia Masters at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. Her unique expertise in academics, multi-cultural immersion, and community service initiatives best qualifies her for this most prestigious position. Patricia's remarkable work experience as the director of Kalihi-Palama Interagency Council for Immigrants and Refugees to her current position as the associate director for Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity at the University of Hawai'i show her dedicated devotion to our community and this great State of Hawai'i.

If confirmed, I believe that she will be a great promoter, supporter and leader for this Commission. I am certain that she will advance this Commission to an even higher level than it is currently at.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Masters' confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Services.

Sincerely,



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Senate Committee on Education

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To: Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Education:
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Sen. Brian Taniguchi,
Sen. Sam Slom

From: John Cusick, Ph.D. Assistant Specialist
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is John Cusick and am currently a faculty member at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Environmental Center.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service. I have known Pat for over twenty years in a number of capacities, both in Japan and in Hawai'i, as a trusted friend and colleague at the East West Center and the University of Hawai'i. The wide diversity of experiences and skills that she brings to this appointment are unmatched and reflect the good judgment of Governor Abercrombie in nominating her.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

John Cusick
Assistant Specialist
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

April 13, 2011

To: The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
 The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
 Senate Committee on Education
 Hawaii State Legislature
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Claudia Shay, M.P.H.

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation Dr. Patricia Lee Masters to the State of Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6/30/14

My name is Claudia Shay, and I have know Dr. Patricia Lee Masters as a friend, and as a teacher for the past 35 years. I am honored to present testimony in support of Dr. Patricia Lee Masters for her Gubernatorial nomination to the State of Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Having been a Vista (predecessor to Americorps) volunteer and Peace Corps volunteer myself, I have a clear understanding of what would constitute a successful Americorps, and how commission members should advise this voluntary service. Not only does Ms. Masters have an extensive educational background with a Ph.D. in Political Science, a M.P.H. in Health Education, and a Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies, but she also has extensive experience in mentoring, counseling, teaching, and advising international students in academic and life's pursuits. Ms. Masters has several years' experience in advising students from the U.S., and many other countries in pursuing study programs abroad, and other academic and scholarly pursuits. She has a sincere interest in promoting individuals she encounters to pursue their interests and talents to the best of their ability. Throughout her academic career she has developed programs and opportunities for disadvantaged youth, the elderly, and the disenfranchised from many diverse cultures to open up opportunities for them.

Ms. Masters is a visionary who creates programs and opportunities for the betterment of others. She previously served as the Chair for two years for the State of Hawaii Commission for the National and Community Service, and is interested in serving once again as a member. Given her background in creating effective programs in a collaborative approach with others, she would be a significant member contributing to the Commission. In a humble manner Pat Masters teaches people every day to love life and contribute in creative ways for the betterment of all. I strongly support Dr. Patricia Lee Masters' nomination to the State of Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for this opportunity.

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From: Valerie Y.O. Kim
Pa'auilo, Hawaii Island

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Valerie Y O Kim. I am a 399 Location Manager, with a background in Public and Mental Health in Hawaii. My work in feature films include: Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl, Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End, The Rock, National Treasure, Princess Ka'iulani, and The Tempest. My MPH is from the University of Hawaii in Media Use for Primary Prevention; Mental Health. I have known Ms. Masters since the 1970's and have observed her exceptional career over these many miles and many years.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service. Ms Masters has spent her career serving her community in a broad spectrum of academic and international enrichment programming. She has spent many years conceiving, designing, writing and implementing strategies for the growth and enhancement of specific populations, and has laid seed for innovation and progress in many diverse spots in Asia, America and at home in Hawaii. She brings a wealth of special experience to this position and we would be very lucky to have her serve our community in this capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

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From: Lisa Abbott
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Lisa Abbott. I am a friend of Pat Masters and a Nurse Practitioner at Shriners Hospitals for Children. I have known Pat for over 20 years. We have shared experiences supporting disadvantaged youth in Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because Pat knows what it takes to get a project done. She has strong organizational and leadership experience. She has a superb fund of knowledge about what motivates kids and years of experience in multi disciplinary and multiple models of education. She has worked in community organization and empowerment, she has led groups of young adults in their journeys through learning both here and abroad in places as remote as India. She is highly experienced and comfortable with multicultural groups. She is kind and smart. She is a team player. She would be a tremendous asset to the commission.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Lisa Abbott, APRN-RX
Family Nurse Practitioner
Shriners Hospitals for Children

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From: Charlene Cuaresma
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Associate Director, Graduate Professional Access
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Honolulu, HI 96822

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for
National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. I have known Dr. Patricia Masters for over 30 years as public health
colleagues in the non-profit sector and also as dear friends and single mothers.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Dr. Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor
Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because she has extensive
grant review experience as a previous member and chairperson of the Americorps Commission. She
has a demonstrated history of excellent working relationships with education stakeholders and
students. She has strong and longtime ties with diverse community and academic networks locally,
nationally and internationally. Dr. Masters will be an asset to Americorps.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Dr. Patricia Lee Masters for the
Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma
Community Director
Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training
UH Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity

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From: Pua Auyong-White
Office of Student Equity Excellence and Diversity

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i
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2014.

Aloha:

Honorable members of the committee, I would like to submit testimony in support of Dr. Patricia Masters for the State Commission for National and Community Service. As a co-worker and friend of Dr. Masters I fully encourage her nomination to this committee. She is fully capable of serving on this commission because she has the experience of serving on volunteer boards and commissions through her work with immigrant programs, underrepresented groups in education and many years of policy work in the area of public health policy. With her administrative background in higher education and program management, I know she will serve the commission well. Dr. Masters has a commitment to service and will serve as a fine advocate for service and volunteerism in our state.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

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From: Name, Christopher R. Conybeare
Address: 625 Iolani Avenue, # 504, Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Patricia Lee Masters to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Chris Conybeare. I am a member of the faculty at UHWO and have known Dr. Masters for more than 25 years, both as a friend and as an exceptional educator who cares deeply about our community.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters' appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because she has an exceptional record as an innovative educator and as a person who has demonstrated her commitment to our community through both word and deed.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,
Christopher R. Conybeare

Erin Conner

From: Kathryn Braun [kbraun@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 8:37 AM
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From: Name, Kathryn L. Braun
Address: 625 Iolani Avenue, # 504, Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Measure Title: GM 702, submitting for consideration and confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Patricia Lee Masters to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6.30.2014.

My name is Kathryn Braun. I am a member of the faculty at UH-Manoa and have known Dr. Masters for more than 25 years, both as a friend and as an exceptional educator who cares deeply about our community.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters' appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service. She has an exceptional record as an innovative educator and as a person who has demonstrated her commitment to our community through both word and deed. She will be a credit to the Commission.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,
Kathryn L. Braun

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Kathryn L. Braun, DrPH
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Co-I, Ha Kupuna National Resource Center, <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hakupuna>
President, Active Aging Consoritum Asia Pacific, www.wellageing.com

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From: Maile S. Goo
3683 Woodlawn Terrace Place
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Maile Goo. I am a colleague of Patricia Masters within in University of Hawaii at Manoa's Office of Student Affairs. What we share in common is the privilege of working in the Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity program offices under the guidance of Dr. Amy Agbayani.

I consider myself fortunate to have Dr. Masters as a mentor. Beyond the merits of her outstanding vitae, there are four primary reasons why I believe she is vital to the success of this commission; First, it is my belief that Dr. Masters will safeguard the integrity and best interest of this commission. Additionally, I believe that Dr. Masters will employ fairness and equity in her decision making. Third, is the wealth of knowledge and experience she already has on the issues particular to this commission. Finally, and what is unique about Dr. Masters, is the "positive regard" she gives to others, her general positive approach and attitude, temperance, wisdom, and compassion to handle the most difficult of decisions *and* individuals-beyond most others- given my 29+ years of combined social services related employment.

I hereby submit testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Aloha,



Maile S. Goo

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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Caroline Sinavaiana. I am an Associate Professor of English at UH Manoa, and longtime associate and colleague of Patricia Masters. I have known Pat for over 25 years; we were both graduate students together at UHM, as well as East West Center grantees.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because of Pat's long and distinguished history of commitment to community service, both in Hawai'i and also abroad. Pat is extremely qualified for this position: well-trained, highly educated and experienced in community-building, not only in Hawai'i but also in California, Japan, India and Sri Lanka.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

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From: Tatsuo Muneto, Minister-Director
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Tatsuo Muneto. I am a Minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Study Center. Dr Maters is a lecturer periodically at this organization.

I am submitting a testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service for her credibility in this position.

Thank you for your hearing of this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Tatsuo Muneto
Minister-Director
Buddhist Study Center

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From: **Linda Engelberg**
3775 Anuhea Street
Honolulu, HI 96816

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Linda Engelberg. I am a retired University of Hawaii librarian. I have worked with Pat Masters on numerous projects during the thirty years I have known her.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because of her outstanding commitment to community service.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Linda Engelberg
Librarian
University of Hawaii Library
Retired

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From: Justin Powers, Production Coordinator, Sight and Sound Studios
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Justin Powers. I am production coordinator for a local television and film company here on Oahu.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because I believe Patricia Lee Masters to be highly competent for the position.

When she was a single mother of two she always put her children's needs above all else. This is not to say that any other aspect of her life did not receive her full attention. This is more a statement of her character. She also worked a full time job while working on her PhD. To be able to balance all of these things at one time is a true sign of a diligent person.

Patricia Lee Masters is known throughout Hawaii as a leading member of the Hawaii Buddhist Community as well as a Emperor Hirohito grant recipient.

I am truly honored to call Patricia Lee Masters my mother and best friend.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

Justin Powers
Production Coordinator
Sight and Sound Studios LLC

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From: Lia Mahoney Powers
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Marketing Coordinator
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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State of Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

My name is Lia Mahoney. I am a marketing coordinator for an escrow and title corporation, Security Title Corporation and a graduate student at Hawaii Pacific University as well as Patricia's daughter-in-law.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Patricia Lee Masters to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Commission for National and Community Service because it is something that she is not only very capable of, but something she is passionate about. I believe her passion, knowledge, skills and ability will make her a superior choice for the position.

Thank you for hearing this hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Patricia Lee Masters for the Commission for National and Community Service.

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM 702, Patricia Masters
Senate Committee on Education
Friday, April 15, 2011
1:15pm
Senate Conference Room 225**

**Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education**

**By
Agnes Malate
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Phone: 388-3019**

My name is Agnes Malate and I direct the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I am writing in strong support of Dr. Patricia Masters' nomination to serve on the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service.

Dr. Masters is the Associate Director of the Office of Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity (SEED), the umbrella for programs such as HCOP and others that provide services and outreach to underrepresented groups. She has extensive experience in non-profit and fully understands its value and benefit to the community, and in engaging young adults. In the period since Dr. Masters joined SEED last year, she has done a remarkable job in fostering staff morale, uniting our very diverse staff and programs, and holding the leaders of the various programs within SEED accountable. She has a talent for building bridges between different cultures and segments of society.

I respectfully request your approval and confirmation of Dr. Master's appointment to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. I wholeheartedly support Dr. Master's appointment and believe that she will be an excellent member of the commission.