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Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D., and other committee members,

I am Dr. Jeffrey Yeoh, a practicing radiologist and partner at Yeoh & Muranaka Radiology, an outpatient diagnostic imaging corporation, providing medical diagnostic imaging in our Honolulu community since my father started this practice in 1968. I have known Jodi Nakaoka since she first graduated from X-ray technology school (1995) and joined us as a general x-ray technologist. She immediately proved to us in private practice why she was one of the very best x-ray technology students Kapiolani Community College ever had. She was not only caring, but extremely meticulous, making sure to utilize our x-ray equipment in the best way, to produce the best x-ray images possible. It was not enough for her want to do it the best, but also to do it the right way, without shortcuts, and with all the proper safeguards and necessary documentation. She also showed us that not only could she do it well herself, but that she could teach others to excel in radiologic technology as well; and this is where we almost lost her.

Finding a new passion in teaching radiologic technology, Jodi went to KCC to be a clinical instructor. Y&M Radiology was lucky to maintain our relationship by continuing to invite Jodi's help with weekend duty, and then what became so useful for us, as our Quality Assurance officer, making sure our other technologists performed to the highest expectations, as is taught in school; no shortcuts, with all the proper safeguards, and necessary documentation.

I have no reservation in supporting Jodi Nakaoka to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Radiologic Technology. Please feel free to call me at 808-949-0091.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Yeoh, M.D.

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Senate Committee on Health Public Hearing on April 13, 2011, 3 PM conference room 229, GM 716.

Testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Ms. Jodi Ann Nakaoka to serve on the Hawaii State Radiologic Technology Board.

Dear Senator Green and members of the committee,

Ms. Jodi Ann Nakaoka is uniquely qualified to serve on the Hawaii State Radiologic Technology Board, having served in the position of Program Director at Kapiolani Community College Radiologic Technology Program for several years now. Jodi's daily involvement with issues intrinsic to the instruction, training, and supervision of radiology technologists provides a pragmatic and first hand perspective of the multitude of issues concerning radiologic technology.

In addition, her continued interaction with employees, supervisors, and directors of both in patient and outpatient radiology facilities throughout the State of Hawaii, many of whom were former students of her program, provides Ms. Nakaoka with an invaluable resource of feedback and discussion.

Ms. Nakaoka is an exceptionally talented individual who possesses an intellect with incisive analytical skills that is coupled with the attributes of motivation, responsibility, integrity and leadership.

Ms. Nakaoka possesses a well-balanced confidence and problem solving ability that symbiotically harmonizes with her dedication to high quality patient care. She places tantamount priority on the needs and safety of patients and is, consequently, a strong advocate of patient rights.

Preserving and improving the quality of radiological technology services in the State of Hawaii has and will continue to be an integral goal of Ms. Nakaoka. Confirming her appointment to the Hawaii State Radiologic Technology Board will serve to utilize the valuable assets that Ms. Nakaoka possesses.

Respectfully,

Edwin Muranaka, M.D.

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The Honorable Josh Green, MD
Chair
Senate Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Dr. Green:

I serve as the chair of the Health Sciences Department at Kapi'olani Community College (KCC). I would like to offer my testimony in support of Jodi Ann Nakaoka to serve on the Radiologic Technology Board.

I have known Jodi since she began teaching at KCC in 1992 and have followed her professional activities both on campus and in the Radiologic Technology community. I am confident that she will serve on this committee and work for the practioners in the state with great diligence. I have always known her to work collaboratively with faculty and with members of her immediate professional community. Further, Jodi is a problem solver, very thorough and meticulous in her teaching and her faculty responsibilities.

Since 2008, Jodi has served as the program director for Radiologic Technology. In this role she works very closely with the managers and department heads of private and public health facilities from across the state who serve on her advisory board. As program director, he was primarily responsible for the re-accreditation self-study of the program in that year by the Joint Review Committee on Education for Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), and through her efforts, following the site visit, the program at KCC was awarded the longest period of accreditation, eight years, offered by that accrediting body. As department chair, I saw the thoroughness of Jodi's survey tools, her assessment skills, and the attentiveness to details that went into organizing and preparing the self-study. I know that she will bring these same skills to the Board.

In 2005, Jodi received the NISOD Award which recognizes excellence in teaching and leadership among the nation's postsecondary educators. In line with the University of Hawai'i's *Second Decade Project* priorities (e.g., "increase the educational capital of the state, "expand workforce development projects," and

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“address underserved regions of the state”), Jodi, along with her KCC colleague, Professor Harry Nakayama, created and delivered distance education programs in Radiologic Technology to the Big Island through 2006 (later, to Maui in 2008) using Internet and teleconferencing technologies to train and place Big Island residents in radiologic agencies and community hospitals in Hilo, Waimea, and Kona. This project, funded in large part by a Rural Development grant, required a tremendous amount of collaborative work among such agencies as the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, private radiologic physician groups, and Hawai'i Community College.

I believe this award recognizes Jodi's leadership skills, and not just in her field of expertise—she's served on the KCC Faculty Senate, the primary faculty governance body in the UH system, as member and chair of the college's Academic Standards Committee, and most recently in 2009-2010, was asked to be a member of a state workforce group, the Hawaii Health Care Skills Panel, sponsored by the state Department of Labor (Workforce Development Council), the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, and the Hawaii Pacific Health organization.

In closing, if approved to serve, I believe Jodi will be a valuable addition to the Board. As a person, she strikes one as outgoing, competent, a good listener, and one not prone to capricious decisions.

I support her appointment to the Radiologic Technology Board, and with great enthusiasm and confidence.

Respectfully,

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Comments:
Senator Josh Green, M.D.
Chairman, Health Committee

I am writing in support of the nomination of Jodi Nakaoka to serve on Hawaii's Radiologic Technology Board. I have worked with Ms. Nakaoka for over ten years and have found her to be very knowledgeable and very compassionate. She is an excellent technologist. After working with us at Yeoh & Muranaka MDs Inc (an outpatient radiology practice), she became an educator at Kapiolani Community College. She continues to work for us as a mammographer and is in charge of the mammography quality assurance program for our office (a federal requirement for all mammography facilities). I believe her experience as a radiologic technologist and her work as an instructor in radiology technology at Kapiolani Community College makes her well qualified to be a member of the Radiologic Technology Board.

Sincerely,
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