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April 11, 2011

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: April 13, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Dwight Takamine, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

GM 743 – RUTH E. MABANGLO
Language Access Advisory Council

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) supports the confirmation of Ms. Ruth Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory Council.

The council serves in an advisory capacity to the Office of Language Access (OLA) Executive Director by providing input on implementation and compliance with the OLA law, assessing the quality of oral and written services provided, analyzing state agency compliance with the law, and understanding the dynamics of interpretation.

The addition of Ms. Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory Council would bring a wealth of experience, education and knowledge to the Council. Ms. Mabanglo has a Ph.D. in Filipino Language and Literature, an M.A. in Education (Specialization: Filipino & Theater Arts) and currently works as a Coordinator of the Filipino and Philippine Literature Program and Professor at the Department of Indo-Pacific Languages and Literature at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Ms. Mabanglo has earned numerous academic awards, literary fellowships and grants. Ms. Mabanglo has taught Filipino for the U.S. Department of Defense, as part of the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute and trained second language teachers for the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Moreover, Ms. Mabanglo is the author of several textbooks and videos for both students and teachers of Filipino languages.

In summary, Ms. Mabanglo is well qualified and deserving of confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Filipinos for Affirmative Action

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
GM 743 Ruth Mabanglo
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
April 13, 2011
Conference Room 016**

**Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukoro, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:
Senator Les Ihara, Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Sam Slom**
**By
Agnes Malate
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My name is Agnes Malate. As Vice-Chair of Filipinos for Affirmative Action, a proponent of civil rights, I submit strong support for **Dr. Ruth Mabanglo's** nomination to serve on the Language Access Advisory Council.

I immigrated to Hawaii at the age of seven being able to speak only one sentence in English: "What is your name". I appreciate the critical role language plays in gaining or hampering access to services and being able to function in our society. In a medical emergency or in the face of a natural disaster, it could mean the difference between life or death.

Dr. Mabanglo is a faculty at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa and teaches Filipino, the national language of the Philippines, and Philippine literature. She is a world-renowned scholar, poet, and activist. Her reach extends well beyond the walls of the classrooms of the University. We both served on the Domestic Violence Action Center's Filipina Rural Project Advisory Committee. Dr. Mabanglo is always challenging her students to apply what they learn in class to serve the community. She empowers the students, and has inspired me, in ensuring that voices of all languages are heard and services are provided to second language speakers. Her contributions in language acquisition and interpretation are extensive and would no doubt be a valuable member of the Council.

I respectfully request your approval and confirmation of Dr. Mabanglo's appointment to the Language Access Advisory Council. I am confident that she will serve the community well and I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Filipino American Citizens League

Jake Manegdeg, President
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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 743 Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

April 13, 2011, 9 a.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 016

To: Honorable Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuru, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and
Labor: Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language
Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E.
MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard,
and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Ruth E. Mabanglo for confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, for a term to expire 6-30-2015. The League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

I have known Dr. Mabanglo through social justice and community work in the Filipino community. She will be a valuable asset to the Council because of her experience in translating materials for the public and private sectors. She is fair. She works well with others. She is patient. She has keen critical thinking skills. She communicates well and possesses excellent partnership networks to address language access issues.

Your positive consideration of Dr. Mabanglo's confirmation is greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg
President, Filipino American Citizens League



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Carehome Administrators
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Foundation, Inc.
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Annac ti Batac
Annac ti Caoayan 2002
Annac ti Kailokuan iti
America
Annac ti Sinait iti Hawaii
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Hawaii
Badoc-Pinili Aid
Association of Hawaii
Banna Association of
Hawaii
Bannatiran Association of
Hawaii
Batangas Association of
Hawaii
Bulacan Circle of Hawaii
Caballeros de Dimasalang
Cabugao Sons & Daughters
of Hawaii
Candonians of Hawaii
Caoayan ISAH
Cavitenians of Hawaii
Dingras Association of
Hawaii
Divine Word College
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Fil American Citizens
League
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Club
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Club
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Hawaii Filipino Women's
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Educators
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Hawaii
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From:

Maria Etrata, RN, President, Oahu Filipino Community Council

**Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation
to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial
Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara,
Sen. Mike Gabbard, and Sen. Sam Slom:**

**My name is Maria Etrata, president of the Oahu Filipino
Community Council. OFCC is an umbrella organization that
represents a network of non-profit civic groups with a unified
vision to improve the lives of our Filipino communities.**

**I submit this testimony to strongly support the confirmation to
the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DR. RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**Our government needs help to improve language access for all
underserved groups. Dr. Mabanglo is dedicated to serving all
people fairly. Thank you for hearing this bill and for the chance
to submit this testimony.**

Sincerely,

**Maria Etrata, RN
President
Oahu Filipino Community Council**

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Hawaii
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UNITED FILIPINO COUNCIL OF HAWAII

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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To: Honorable Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuru, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:
Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Lynne Gutierrez, President, United Filipino Council of Hawaii

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is Lynne Gutierrez. I am the president of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH). I am proud to submit this testimony to strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Ruth E. Mabanglo, on behalf of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, an umbrella organization with member organizations from six islands. UFCH membership is comprised of nearly 5,000 individual members.

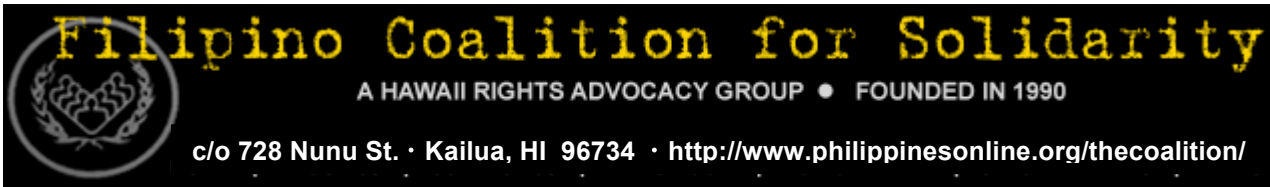
I am submitting testimony in strong support of Dr. Ruth Mabanglo to be appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Language Access Advisory Council, because Dr. Mabanglo will be a strong advocate for all of Hawai'i's diverse groups, whose first language is not English. She is committed to promoting cultural understanding and breaking down language barriers. She will be an asset to the Language Access Advisory Council.

I am also a special education teacher in a Leeward public elementary school. From this additional vantage point, I see how critical the issue of language access is, particularly for families with special needs.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for your consideration to confirm Dr. Ruth Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Gutierrez
President, United Filipino Council of Hawaii



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To: Honorable Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
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Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:
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From: Helena Manzano, Vice President, Filipino Coalition For Solidarity

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is Helena Manzano, vice president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity. **The Coalition strongly supports confirmation** for gubernatorial nominee, Dr. Ruth E. Mabanglo, for a term to expire 6-3-2015. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action. The Coalition is committed to an ongoing resolution to address health disparities as a social justice issue.

We believe that Dr. Mabanglo's linguistic credentials, national and international experiences will bring fresh perspectives and opportunities for collaborative partnerships to tackle the tough issues of providing language access to government services during these bleak economic times. She will work tirelessly for all of Hawai'i's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our strong support for her nomination.

Respectfully,

Helena Manzano
Vice President
Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 743

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

April 13, 2011, 9 a.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 016

To: Honorable Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuru, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor: Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, President, NAMI
Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the Founder and President of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am proud to submit our strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Dr. Ruth E. Mabanglo's confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people.

Filipinos comprise 61 percent of immigrants in Hawaii, the largest compared to all the other immigrant groups combined. Dr. Mabanglo will be valuable to help plan how government offices can meet standards for ensuring equal access for all groups, whose first language(s) are not English. Her excellent work extends far beyond the University of Hawai'i and deep into the community, where she has helped to address disparities in domestic violence, cancer and more.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 743

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

April 13, 2011, 9 a.m. Hawai'i State Legislature Room 016

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuru, Vice Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Member
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Member
Senator Sam Slom, Member

From: Ruth Elynia S. Mabanglo, Ph.D.
Professor and Coordinator
UH Filipino and Philippine Literature Program

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is Ruth Elynia Mabanglo. I serve as professor and coordinator of the University of Hawaii Filipino and Philippine Literature Program. It is an honor to be appointed by Governor Abercrombie to serve as a member of the Language Access Advisory Council.

I want to serve on the Language Access Advisory Council, because I believe that labor equity, civil rights and justice are attainable when the underrepresented or underserved, especially those who are not proficient in English, are given opportunities to access services through oral and written translation/interpretation.

Even as a University of Hawaii professor of film and literature, whose courses have always been focused on "ethics", I, like many others whose first language is not English, have personally experienced many forms of discrimination, inequality and injustice due to the inability to express myself in the language expected of me by society. With these insights and lessons learned, I see the challenges and opportunities for building the capacity of government agencies to address language access barriers, which result in the public's lack of education, disparity in labor opportunities, and lack of access to vital information for public health, safety, and the ability to fully exercise one's civic duty in the transactions of daily life.

If given the opportunity to serve on the Language Access Advisory Council, I will work to build collegial, constructive and collaborative working relationships with the Language Access Council members and language access stakeholders. Through the Council, I want to foster positive changes to address the dire conditions faced by certain marginalized people related to language access, as well as to support state departments to successfully implement the intent of Hawaii's Language Access law and the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

With experience and excellent working relationships gained through my language access collaborations listed below, I hope to complement the skills and expertise of other Language Access Council members in order to advance the mission of the Office of Language Access and to be

accountable to Hawaii's people, whose first language is not English:

1. Fostered cultural understanding, critical thinking, and good will in order to reduce discrimination through 21 years of teaching Filipino language and literature at the University of Hawaii.
2. Published translation works from literature to informational brochures on health, services, labor, documents, certificates, etc. for more than 30 years.
3. Proposed, developed and taught the translation course of the UH Filipino and Philippine Literature Program (Filipino 435). This course tackles translation techniques from English to Filipino (Tagalog) and from Filipino to English.
4. Conducted short-term translation workshops in various seminars and conferences.
5. Collaborated with the Philippine Consulate of Hawaii to translate materials and educational documents required of individuals for job applications. This service is sometimes provided free.
6. Translated and edited Filipino translations of informational materials for family resources for the UH Center for Family Resources; scripts for a video on dialysis for the Rotary Club; DVD for OnCare Hawaii physicians on cancer treatment options for Filipino-speaking patients and other cancer education materials for American Cancer Society and Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training.
7. Participated in Hawaii's first language access conference at the University of Hawaii, sponsored by the Department of Labor.

Thank you for your consideration of my confirmation to the Office of Language Access Advisory Council. If given the opportunity, I look forward to being of service.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Mabanglo, Ph.D.

Gubernatorial Nominee for Language Access Advisory Council

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April 13, 2011

To: Honorable Senator Clayton Hee Chair
Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuru, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Judicial and Labor Committee

FROM: Amy Agbayani, Co-chair

RE: GM 743 - Testimony in Support of Ruth Mabanglo, Language
Access Advisory Council

I am representing the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights in support of Dr. Ruth Mabanglo. HF CR supports policies, programs and individuals who are committed to civil rights and equality. Dr. Mabanglo has an excellent track record of teaching and community service to our state and support of the goals of equality and social justice for all. She understands and appreciates diversity in our island state and the need to provide equal access to government services, including language access for members of our community who are not native English speakers and who have difficulty understanding English. Dr. Mabanglo has academic training that will be an asset to OLA and can also provide appropriate university resources. Dr. Mabanglo will be an independent, thoughtful and responsible member of the OLA. I respectfully urge you to support her nomination.

**HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR**

**APRIL 13, 2011, 9:00 am
STATE CAPITOL, CONF. RM. 016**

**Testimony in support of
GM 743, Language Access Advisory Council**

TO HONORABLE SEN. CLAYTON HEE (CHAIR), HONORABLE SEN. MAILE SHIMABUKURO (VICE CHAIR), AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lyna Burian, and I am offering written testimony in support of GM 743, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Filipinos comprise 61 percent of immigrants in Hawaii. Dr. Mabanglo will be valuable in helping plan how government offices can meet standards for ensuring equal access for all groups, whose first language is not English. Her linguistic credentials, national and international experiences will bring fresh perspectives and opportunities for collaborative partnerships to tackle the tough issues of providing language access to government services. I know that she will work tirelessly for all of Hawaii's people.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide strong support for Dr. Mabanglo's nomination and confirmation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lyna O. Burian
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 743

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

April 13, 2011, 9 a.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 016

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuru, Vice Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Member
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Member
Senator Sam Slom, Member

From: Michele Lorenz
Student of University of Hawaii at Manoa

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RUTH E. MABANGLO, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Sen. Maile Shimabukuru, Sen. Les Ihara, Sen. Mike Gabbard, and Sen. Sam Slom:

My name is Michele Lorenz. I am a student of the Academy of Creative Media at the University of Hawaii Manoa. It is an honor to recommend Ruth E. Mabanglo to serve as a member of the Language Access Advisory Council.

Professor Ruth Mabanglo possesses decision-making ability. Leadership is one of her strongest qualities. As coordinator of the UH Filipino and Philippine Literature Program, she is capable of doing great activities with the Language Access Advisory Council.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 743

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As a professor of film and literature, whose courses have always been focused on ethics, I totally support her endeavor to make this a better world in which opportunities, service and justice for those that speak another language will be endowed.

Thank you

From: [Ssen Ikeda](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for Dr. Ruth Elynia S. Mbanglo
Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 10:40:55 AM

April 11, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Ruth Elynia S.Mabanglo was first introduced to me by a close family friend who is a Registrar at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. This is the time when I knew nobody here in Hawaii because we just moved from Japan. I contacted her and had the opportunity to meet her. Although she hardly knew me and the fact that it was our first meeting, I was so touched on her enthusiasm and her eagerness to help. She offered me her generosity and provided me information on how to start myself to be with the University of Hawaii Manoa campus. To be perfectly honest, Tita Ruth as everybody loves to call her is the person who gave me the encouragement to pursue my studies. Her intelligent academic advices facilitate me how to realize my goals and objective in taking my second graduate course. Currently, I am taking one of her Filipino literature course and I could say that she is an excellent professor. She is quite knowledgeable on whatever aspect she discusses particularly the Filipino language and Literature. I was so happy and so proud when I knew that she has a nomination to become a member of the Language Access Advisory Council. With her enormous experiences and her knowledge I personally and everybody would definitely agree that she would be the perfect person to sit as a member of the Language Access Advisory Council.

Sincerely Yours,

Ssen Ota-Ikeda



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To: Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
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From: Maria A. F. Etrata, President,
Oahu Filipino Community Council

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Thank you for hearing this bill and for the chance to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Maria A. F. Etrata, President
Oahu Filipino Community Council

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From: [Dr. P. Brown](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in strong Support of GM 743, Ruth Mabanglo, Sen. Comm. on JDL, April 13, 2011, 9 am, Rm. 016
Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 12:56:19 PM

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Chair Sen. [Clayton Hee](#), Vice Chair Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuru, and Committee Members:

Please accept my personal testimony in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Dr. Ruth E. Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Thank you,
Dr. Patricia Brown, President of Filipino American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH)

From: [Deanna Espinas](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of GM 743, Dr. Ruth Mabanglo
Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 9:06:14 AM

I strongly support **GM 743**, nominating **Dr. Ruth Mabanglo to the Language Access Advisory Council**.

My name is Deanna Espinas and I am on the board for the Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH), whose mission is to foster an appreciation of the heritage and experiences of Filipino-Americans in Hawaii. Dr. Mabanglo is also a member of our FAHSOH board. We've supported Dr. Mabanglo in her continued efforts to reach out to students and the community to promote knowledge of Filipino-American history and culture. Dr. Mabanglo is passionate in her belief that understanding among individuals begins with all us communicating and sharing our stories, our memories, and our oral history not only with our children but also with the larger community.

It is an honor to give support to Dr. Mabanglo's nomination to the **Language Access Advisory Council**.

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