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April 7, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director  
Department of Human Services

SUBJECT: **G. M. 772 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF MITCHELL J.  
KEAWE TO THE STATEWIDE COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT  
LIVING**

Hearing: Thursday, April 7, 2011 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016 State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of Mitchell J. Keawe to the Board of Directors of the Statewide Council on Independent Living (SCIL).

Mr. Keawe has many years of experience through a variety of boards dealing with issues related to individuals with disabilities. He was a director on the board of the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living (HCIL) for four months before being appointed HCIL's interim executive director in August. He was hired as the full time executive director in November of 2010.

Currently Mr. Keawe runs HCIL's programs statewide for the independent needs of Hawaii's individuals with disabilities through HCIL's offices on each island.

Mr. Keawe's professional knowledge, education, and work with individuals with disabilities through his position as Executive Director of Hawaii Center for Independent Living will be an asset to the Board of the SCIL.

Mr. Keawe will provide the SCIL representation for the federally required seat on the council; "position director of a center for independent living".

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Keawe's nomination.

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**From:** Celina Tanaka [dpaniolo@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2011 7:59 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation of Mitchell J. Keawe GM 772 to the Statewide Council on Independent Living on April 7,2011 at 2:00 pm

Dear Sen. Oakland -Chun

I am writing you in regards to the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Mitchell J. Keawe to the SILC board.

I have known Mr. Keawe for many years and seen his tireless work with various non- profits and community councils.

Mr. Keawe has a wealth experience and knowledge that would benefit the SILC board.

Thank You for taking the time to read my note in support of Mr. Mitchell J. Keawe.

With best regards,

PunaheleTanaka

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**From:** CELINA TANAKA [angelita-hi@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2011 7:44 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Mitchell J. Keawe GM 772 to the Statewide Council on Independent Living on April 7,2011 at 2:00 pm

Aloha,

I am writing this email in support of the appointment of Mr. Mitchell J. Keawe to the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

Mr. Keawe's knowledge and life experiences will be an asset to the council.

Mahalo,  
C. M. Tanaka

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**From:** Mary Borabora [honu\_master@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2011 7:30 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** 4-7-11 2pm GM772

I support the consideration and conformation of Mitchell J Keawe to the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

Thank you.

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**From:** Lahapa Borabora [lahapaborabora@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2011 7:25 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** GM772 April 7, 2011 at 2pm

I support the consideration and conformation of Mitchell J Keawe to the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

Mahalo.

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**From:** Margaret Dohanos [tropicalbelt@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 8:06 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** Mitchel Keawe

The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Regular Session 2011  
Committee on Human Services  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Sen. Les Ihara  
Hearing Date-Thurs 4/7/11  
Time-2pm  
Place-Conference Rm. 016  
State Capitol 415 So. Beretania St  
GM 772  
Mitchell (Kimo) Keawe

I am Margaret Levy-Dohanos CNA & SILC member I support the appointment of Mr Keawe as a member of SILC

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## Committee on Human Services

Submitting for consideration and **confirmation to** the Statewide Council on Independent Living, Gubernatorial Nominee, MITCHELL J. KEAWE.

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2011

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

Dear committee members,

Mr. Mitchell J. Keawe is an outstanding person to be considered for the Independent Living Living State Wide Council

He has shown in his actions Best practices that there is an overall commitment to increase organizational efficiency. These

practices must be considered from the specific context of any organization. Although the notion of best practices is constantly evolving, it's clear that the following areas are critical: all of which he has demonstrated.

- Vision and leadership
- Strategy and roadmap
- Policies and security
- Governance and acquisition
- Operations and implementation

These are all qualities which he has lived as with his disability

So he knows what the challenges are!

Please consider him as an outstanding choice who can only add to the quality on the Council

Aloha,

Glenn SAWAI

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**From:** Laura Tobosa [laurahi2002@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 5:30 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** GM - 772 - Mitchell J. Keawe

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Dear Senator Oakland and Senator Ihara:

My name is Laura Tobosa, Treasurer for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). I am in support of appointing GM 772 Gubernatorial Nominee, Mitchell J. Keawe to the SILC.

Mr. Keawe has extensive experience and expertise that will be an asset to our team.

Thank you.

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STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2011

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Re: GM 772 – MITCHELL J. KEAWE

My name is Sheryl Nelson. I am the Executive Director of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The Council is in strong support of GM 772 appointing Gubernatorial Nominee, Mitchell J. Keawe to the SILC.

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Mitchell J. Keawe (aka Kimo Keawe) has had a variety of experiences in the nonprofit world. He has been on several boards including Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. His management experience, community service and “lets work together” attitude will benefit the SILC.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires that the SILC have as a voting member the director of Hawaii Centers for Independent Living. Kimo’s appointment will bring SILC into compliance with this requirement. We look forward to working closely with Kimo and Hawaii Centers for Independent Living.

Sheryl Nelson  
Executive Director  
Statewide Independent Living Council