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January 5, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD
FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

TERM TO EXPIRE

REMARKS

Valorie Taylor

6/30/2014

O'ahu

Sincerely,

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Committee on Human Services

GM531 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Valorie Taylor, for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Tuesday, February 21, 2012; Conference Room 016

1:15 p.m.

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Ms. Valorie
- 2 Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Valorie Taylor is presently the Gerontology Program Director at
- 4 Child and Family Service where she has the overall management of six programs and
- 5 approximately 50 staff and volunteers providing services to about 1,500 seniors. Previously, Ms.
- 6 Taylor was the Director of Assisted Living and Memory Support at Hi'olani Assisted Living at
- 7 Kahala Nui, and has held multiple leadership positions in numerous residential care facilities in
- 8 Hawaii. Ms. Taylor is affiliated with the National Association of Social Workers, the American
- 9 Society of Aging, the Falls Prevention Consortium, and the Healthy Aging Partnership
- 10 Empowering Elders, among other boards and task forces. For these reasons, EOA supports the
- 11 nomination of Ms. Valorie Taylor. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: Eudice schick [mazel@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 10:19 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: GM 531

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

Date: February 21, 2012
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: Rm. 016

In Favor of GM 531 for Valorie Taylor

Dear Senators:

It is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Taylor to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, "PABEA". I have worked with Ms. Taylor on the Home for Life Task Force as well as the past several months on the PABEA board. Ms. Taylor is extremely versed in senior issues. Her work as a social worker for CFS has acquainted her with the many issues that our seniors face. Ms. Taylor will certainly be able to contribute a great deal of knowledge to the board.

Please consider Ms. Taylor (GM531) for the "PABEA board.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair and Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
Vice-Chair And Senate Committee on Human Services Committee Mem-
bers

February 20, 2012

RE: GM 531-Nomination of **Valorie Taylor** by Governor Neil Abercrombie to
the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**

My name is Howard S. Garval. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Child & Family Service (CFS), Hawaii's oldest human services organization founded in 1899. I have served in this capacity since April 2006 and have responsibility for running the organization that is statewide and touches the lives of over 40,000 of Hawaii's residents each year and directly serves 15,000. Our mission is: **strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children**. We serve from Keiki to Kupuna and have a full array of services to seniors that are designed to help them thrive and live in the community as long as possible.

I have my Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan, School of Social Work (1975) and have been a social worker for over 35 years now. I have worked for three great and large non-profit social service organizations: Family Service Boston-1975-1988, The Village for Families & Children in Hartford, Connecticut-1988-2006, and Child & Family Service in Ewa Beach, Hawaii-2006-Present. Since 2002 I have been a CEO: first at the Village in Hartford, Connecticut and now here in Hawaii in my current position as President and Chief Executive Officer at Child & Family Service.

I submit this testimony in strong support for the nomination of **Valorie Taylor** to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known the nominee since 2007 when she was hired to be our administrator for our Gerontology program at CFS..

Ms. Taylor has over 15 years of experience in the field of gerontology. She spent 15 years in residential long-term care and has 10 years experience in community social work. She serves on the Aging in Place Task Force, is a Board member of the Hawaii Caregiver Coalition, and also serves on the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan Task Force. At CFS she has helped to bring several evidence-based models of services to seniors. She also led a project in which CFS was a mentor agency for a San Antonio, Texas organization that was just starting to develop services for seniors.

I believe Ms. Taylor is an excellent choice to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs because of her years of experience with senior programs and her knowledge of the latest trends and practices in the field of gerontology.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of **Ms. Valorie Taylor**.

Please feel free to call me at 681-1418 if you would like to speak directly with me about the nomination.

With warm Aloha,

Howard S. Garval, President & CEO
Child & Family Service

Our Mission: Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children



To: Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: February 21, 2012, Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

Re: **GM 531 – Valorie Taylor’s Confirmation to PABEA**

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP **strongly supports** the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Valorie Taylor, to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Her experience as a front-line professional working with older adults and their families as well as her understanding of the impact of public policy in shaping long-term care services and supports make her ideally qualified to serve on PABEA.

AARP Hawaii staff has worked directly with Ms. Taylor for over 10 years on our community education efforts to family caregivers of seniors. She has engaged with AARP in collaborative planning of events and has also served as a speaker and facilitator. Her knowledge and expertise combined with her ability to clearly articulate information makes her a highly valued resource on senior issues.

Ms. Taylor has contributed to the community by participating on numerous task forces, coalitions, and boards. AARP staff has served with her on the Home for Life Task Force, the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia State Plan Task Force, and the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition. Ms. Taylor does not sit on the sidelines. She willingly steps forward to take a leadership role, and also contributes “hands-on” by chairing sub-committees or projects.

Ms. Taylor’s passion has been to work with older adults. She is currently the Program Director for the Child and Family Service Gerontology Program. She has 30 years of experience in community social work, residential long-term care, mental health, elder abuse, and home care. The elder community has benefited from her comprehensive knowledge and work on senior issues, and she is an ideal appointment to Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

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February 16, 2012

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services, February 21, 2012 1:15pm Rm 016
FM: Elizabeth Stevenson, Executive Director & CEO
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RE: Confirmation of Valorie Taylor for the
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As the Executive Director and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter reaching over 23,700 families and individuals each year, I whole heartedly support Valorie Taylor's nomination to the Governor's Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA).

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I have had the pleasure of working with Valorie over the past three years and count on her knowledge of the aging network. Her familiarity of the aging community in Hawaii has been an invaluable in our efforts to develop a State Plan on Alzheimer's.

Executive Director/CEO

Elizabeth Stevenson

Valorie has been a family caregiver herself, so knows firsthand the challenges faced by family caregivers. Working with older adults is Valorie's passion. She has been working in the aging field for over 30 years, and brings a comprehensive vision of elders as she has worked with abused elders, in nursing homes and is currently the Program Director for the CFS Gerontology Program.

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Valorie has served on the Aging in Place Task Force, and is currently on the Board Member of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition. As I mentioned above Valorie was one of the first members to join the task force to develop a State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD).

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Again, I strongly support Valorie Taylor's nomination for PABEA. Her dedication and commitment to using best practices in providing services for family caregivers, for elders and persons with ADRD will provide invaluable insights to the Board.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to provide testimony.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: GM 531 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee VALORIE TAYLOR, for a term to expire 6-30-2014

I would like to express support for the appointment of Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

I have known Valorie for over 20 years. She has years of work experience in long term care settings, from community to institution. Valorie's gerontological knowledge and her commitment to improving the lives of elders will be an asset to PABEA and the larger community. Her additional experience in other areas of social service is a plus and gives her the ability to see the issues of aging with a broader lens.

I urge your support for Valorie Taylor's appointment to PABEA. Her years of professional service to our community in the field of gerontology make her highly suited for this honor and responsibility. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



February 17, 2012

Senate Committee on Human Services
Hearing, February 21, 2012
1:15 pm, Conference Room 016
State Capitol

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of **GM531** on the appointment of Ms. Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs by Governor Neil Abercrombie.

I have known Valorie for the years that she has worked at the Child and Family Service's Honolulu Gerontology Program. As a fellow member of the aging network, I have appreciated Valorie's knowledge and professionalism that she has displayed at meetings and otherwise. Her vast experiences of working with seniors at the care level, in the community, as a caregiver herself all contribute to her compassion of working for the best for the elderly. She will certainly be an asset to PABEA to look at the needs of the elderly and work toward bringing the needed programs to assist them.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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February 18, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: GM 531, Nomination of Ms. Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 1:15 pm, in Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

I am in strong support of GM 531, the Governor's nomination of Ms. Valorie Taylor to the state's Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs. I am a retiree, and have been an administrator in the state's Office of Community Services, a deputy attorney general, and a care giver for my elderly father and sister, and am presently the primary caregiver for my 93 year old mother who has dementia.

I recommend Ms. Taylor to you, for her long-standing dedicated advocacy for the elderly, as an educated, trained, and experienced professional in the field, and most important as a compassionate, warm hearted and level headed person with a wealth of knowledge to share with the community. I have known Ms. Taylor for over five years. I've been counseled and taught by Ms. Taylor and her staff in a wonderful class on Caring for the Caregiver that they have made widely available to the community to support in home care for the aging. I've also supported her advocacy for caregiver services as a volunteer, and have got to know her on a personal basis. You would be hard pressed to find a more dedicated and competent person to serve on our state Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I am confident that Ms. Taylor will contribute greatly to the effectiveness of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs in addressing the many and critical needs of our elderly in Hawaii.

I humbly ask for your support for the nomination of Ms. Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,

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February 18, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Committee on Human Services
Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Ms. Valorie Taylor's nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Dear Senator Chun Oakland,

I am writing regarding Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Ms. Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Ms. Taylor for seven years and have always been impressed by the obvious passion she holds for the care of our kupuna. I have known her as she has worked both in the capacity of Social Worker at a nursing home and as Director of Gerontology for Child and Family Services. She speaks with great compassion for the elders with whom she works as well as for her coworkers.

I have known Ms. Taylor in a personal, rather than a professional, capacity; however, we frequently discuss professional issues related to health and human affairs. As a nurse, I see daily how public policy influences the welfare of all Hawaiians. Ms. Taylor and I often discuss current policy changes and how they may affect the populations for which we care. Ms. Taylor is able to visualize the "big picture" resulting from new legislation and policy changes, as well as apply smaller adjustments directly to her programs at CFS based on those changes.

I am impressed both by the knowledge of and commitment to the elder and LGBT communities Ms. Taylor holds. I know that she has been able to integrate concerns for LGBT elders and their caregivers into programs in her professional capacity. She is a very caring, intelligent, compassionate and passionate individual who would be a great asset for this Board. I would highly recommend her nomination to this position.

Sincerely,

Kris DeBode

Date: February 18, 2012

To: Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Sen. Les Ihara, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Amy Monk,

Re: GM 531 Confirmation of Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Hearing: Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Thankyou for allowing me to present testimony in strong support of the appointment of Valorie Taylor to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

I am a community member on the Aging in Place Task Force, and have seen at our meetings how Valorie Taylor brings her expertise and passion for working with older adults to the task force. She is currently the Program Director for the CFS gerontology program and has over 3 decades in the field of aging.

There are few people as qualified as Ms. Taylor. She has extensive experience in community social work, residential long term care, home care, mental health, domestic violence including elder abuse. She has also served on the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan Task Force and is a board member of the Hawaii Caregiver Coalition.

In Hawaii, our many cultures share a common respect for our kupuna. We want our elders to live long, full and active lives and when necessary will have the care they need. Ms. Taylor has been a family caregiver, as well as a profession in the field of gerontology, and brings with her the empathy and knowledge necessary for an appointee to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Comments:

Testimony for GM 531 for Confirmation for Valerie Taylor

Valerie Taylor is one of my colleagues and professional friend. I want to submit testimony to you to highly recommend confirmation of her appointment to Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs. Valerie and I met about 15 years ago when we both worked in Kalihi Valley.

Valerie Taylor is passionate about older adults and their successful aging. She has years of experience and wisdom that she will bring to the Policy Advisory Board. She has worked in the community, with abused elders, in nursing homes, and now she is Program Director of the Child and Family Services Gerontology Program. She is an excellent communicator, advocate, and leader. I cannot think of anyone else that is more perfect member to be add to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs. Please confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,

Valerie Yontz, RN, MPH, PhD
Gerontologist and Educator

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February 20, 2012

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Senator Les Ihara
Committee on Human Services,
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM531, Tuesday, February 21st, 1:15pm, Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Dear Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Ihara and Members of the Senate,

I would like to submit my testimony for Valorie Taylor in your consideration of her nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I have known Valorie Taylor for about ten years, seeing her constant and vigilant presence at Kupuna Caucus, caregiver workshops and meetings, conferences for the aging network, and most recently on the State Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. Her vast experience covers the gamut of aging issues: as a social worker, in residential long-term care, mental health, domestic violence and elder abuse, volunteer management, and numerous Boards and Task Forces.

She is a passionate, essential and important voice in our community for aging and caregiving issues, having been a family caregiver herself, as well as the Program Director with the Honolulu Gerontology Program for Child & Family Service.

I strongly support and recommend that you confirm her nomination to PABEA, knowing that she will take this role seriously and with great integrity, to help improve the quality of life for our elders and caregivers in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Jody Mishan

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

Dear Chair, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Vice Chair, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and other esteemed Members of the Committee on Human Services:

I am submitting testimony for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, VALORIE TAYLOR, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

It is a pleasure for me to write in support of my long-time friend and professional colleague, Ms. Valorie Taylor. As you know, Ms. Taylor has recently been appointed to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs (PABEA), by Governor Abercrombie. The PABEA membership provides community input to The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), which serves as the State's lead advocate, planner, and facilitator, relative to all aging and family care giving issues in the State of Hawaii.

I have personally known Ms. Taylor for over 20 years. During that time, we have been friends, and at times, professional colleagues. We both have immersed ourselves in work involving Civil Rights and Social Justice and community volunteerism.

I am currently an Investigator with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, and have served as an Equal Rights Officer with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). I am also a care giver to an elder family member with MS.

I know that Ms. Taylor deeply values this opportunity to continue her professional work with older adults, which has been her passion and professional commitment for over 30 years.

Ms. Taylor brings a comprehensive and broad-based expertise related to the needs of the elderly. As you may know, she currently serves as the full-time Program Director for the Gerontology Program, at Child and Family Services.

I am confident that Ms. Taylor's collaborative spirit, skill sets, and commitment to excellence, will complement the other appointees who will be collaborating mightily, to address the important challenges of the PABEA and the EOA.

To date, Ms. Taylor has been involved in a vast number of demanding and important leadership roles in Hawaii, including the following:

- Community Social Work – 10 years
- Residential Long Term Care – 15 years
- Home Care – 5 years
- Mental Health – 10 years
- Domestic Violence including Elder Abuse – 4 years
- Volunteer Management – 3 years
- Task Force: Aging in Place
- State Plan Task Force: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia
- Board Member of the Hawaii Caregiver Coalition
- Family Caregiver

In closing, I want to clearly state that I unequivocally endorse my friend and colleague, Ms. Valorie Taylor, and seek your important recognition and endorsement of her to serve on the PABEA.

Please call upon me if I can provide additional elaboration.

Mahalo.

G.F. Robie Lovinger

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February 20, 2012

Testimony of Valorie E. Taylor
To the Senate Committee on Human Services
February 21, 2012
G.M. 531

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, VALORIE TAYLOR, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Chair Chun-Oakland and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I would also like to extend my mahalo to everyone who submitted testimony on my behalf and to those here in attendance lending me their support.

My passion of working with seniors began at a young age when I would sit with my great-grandfather listening to stories of his life. I have learned many lessons about seniors through my experience as a family caregiver, paid caregiver and in my Social Work career. I come with many years of experience including ten years in the community setting, five years in home care, ten years in mental health, four years in Domestic Violence and fifteen years working on LGBT issues.

Many of my 26 years in Hawaii have been spent servicing our kupuna. I was the Social Worker in local nursing homes for fifteen years and for the past five years I have worked as the Program Director for the Child & Family Service Gerontology Program. Additionally I have served on the Aging in Place Task Force, Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force, the Kupuna Workgroup for the Collective Impact Group and am a Board Member of the Hawaii Caregiver Coalition.

I feel that both my life experience and my professional experience give me the qualifications to serve on the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs. Having worked closely with others in the aging network, I understand the place the Executive Office on Aging has in leading Hawaii to best provide services to our kupuna. As our elder population continues to grow, this office will play a vital role not only in providing direction but also in ensuring the quality of the services provided. I am committed to being a part of the team heading in that direction.

In closing, I would like to thank this committee for the hard work you do for the State and for our kupuna. I appreciate the opportunity to be here today. Thank you for considering my nomination. Again, thank you to those who have supported me in this opportunity.

At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.