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March 2, 2012

To: Senate Health Committee

From: Elaine Slavinsky MPH, MEd, RN

Subj: Nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Committee

I have served the people of Hawaii in various health care positions for more than 35 years on three different islands. I know our state and I know its health care issues (see attached resume). Health care is my passion and I will bring that passion to my service on the SHCC. I am currently completing my 8th year as a member of the Tri-isle SAC, and, therefore, will not have a "learning curve" to navigate regarding the SHCC processes and procedures.

I have participated in and, in some cases (during my stint as chairperson of the Tri-Isle SAC), chaired several contentious CON hearings. I am able perform the duties with patience, calmness, and the ability to listen, hear and weigh all the issues without bias, in order to reach an honest and fair conclusion. I will bring these qualities to my participation in the SHCC where I hope to continue to serve the people of Hawaii.

I do not see any potential conflicts of interest that could arise during my service. However, if a conflict situation were to occur, I would consult with the Ethics Commission and recuse myself from a given activity if appropriate. I humbly request your confirmation of my nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Mahalo.

Elaine Slavinsky, MPH, MEd, RN

EXPERIENCE:

Alzheimer's Association (Program Director, Maui Office) 1/ 2005-6/2011
 Hospice Maui (Clinical Director), 2002-2004
 Maui Memorial Medical Center (Director of Nursing), 1979-2001
 Hana Community Health Center
 Kona Community Hospital
 The Queen's Medical Center
 Kula Hospital
 Maui Community College, lecturer – 2000-present
 University of Phoenix, faculty – 1993-2004
 Ministry of Health, Vietnam (Field Consultant)
 VA Hospital, Brockton, MA – Psychiatric Social Worker

EDUCATION:

Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH) from the University of Hawaii
 Master's Degree in Educational Administration (MEd) from the U.of Hawaii
 Bachelor's Degree (BA) in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts
 Associate Degree in Nursing (AS) from Massachusetts Bay Community College
 Certification in Nursing Administration, Advanced (CNAA)

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Drug Free Hawaii - Speaker's Bureau
 Tri-Isle Subarea Health Council Chairman (SHPDA)
 Maui County Mayor's Health Council
 Maui County Culture and Arts Commission member
 Past Board President: Hawaii College of Traditional Oriental Medicine
 Kiwanis Club of Kahului
 Maui Arts and Cultural Center Volunteer
 Maui Academy of Performing Arts Volunteer
 Maui County Fair – First Aid chairperson (1998, 1999, 2000)
 Disaster Medical Assistance Team- Hawaii (DMAT – HI)
 Past President of Kiwanis Club of Upcountry Maui
 Maui Marathon Medical volunteer
 Advisory Committee of UH/MCC Office of Continuing Education
 Lanai Pineapple Jam volunteer

MEMBERSHIPS:

Hawaii Nurses' Association – PAC; Governmental Affairs Committees
 Hawaii Public Health Association – American Public Health Association
 American Association of Nurse Executives – Hawaii chapter
 American Association of Hypnotherapists

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 538, Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

**Monday, March 12, 2012
1:30 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Elaine Slavinsky to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 SHCC Gubernatorial Nominee, Elaine Slavinsky. Ms. Slavinsky is a Registered Nurse and has
6 extensive experience in the health care arena. She is currently working with the Maui County
7 Office on Aging on a discharge planning contract. She served previously as Program
8 Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, Maui; Clinical Director, Hospice Maui; and
9 Director of Nursing, Maui Memorial Medical Center.

10 She holds a Master's Degree in Public Health, Master's Degree in Education,
11 Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and an Associate Degree in Nursing. She received
12 numerous awards and honors, including, the Hawaii Nurse of the Year 2001, Ruth P Kemble
13 Award, and Certificate of Recognition from Hawaii State Legislature (2002 Session).

14 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Elaine Slavinsky to the Statewide
15 Health Coordinating Council.