

TESTIMONY

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**HTH
Committee Hearing
03-07-2012**

Re: Testimony of Abelina Madrid Shaw

TESTIMONY
OF
ABELINA MADRID SHAW
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH
ON

MARCH 7, 2012

GM 543

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, ABELINA MADRID SHAW for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I would consider it a privilege and honor to be a board member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. This board is challenged to ensure the viability of all the State's acute care, critical access and long term facilities, working in collaboration with the Regional System Boards on each island, where many of the State's hospitals are located.

We are today more acutely aware that operating a sustainable hospital is not without huge challenges. As an island-state, with facilities located on the neighbor islands, the challenges to deliver accessible, affordable and quality health care are even greater.

My own interest in the delivery of health and human services in this State is rooted in days past. I think often of that one nurse/social worker who, when as a child growing up on the sugar plantation Camp on Kauai, she would once a month come to the Camp in a not too fancy car which had a Health Department sign attached to it. I looked forward to her visits. She would look us over, sometimes lightly patted our heads and ask how were we all doing. For us she was a crucial, if not the only, link to the

outside world. Maybe part of the services provided by the government --- I thought.

I also often think about that one plantation doctor who in a small crowded clinic served all the families in the Camp. It was enough that when he applied the band-aid on your finger, you walked away feeling better. This then, was for us delivery of accessible, affordable and quality care.

In my own family today, two of my siblings are developmentally challenged: Mark, my 43 year old brother is a down's syndrome child and my sister Bertha one year younger than I. We grew up together and to this day continue to share huge hugs as she remains half my height and can not speak. The quality of life for both of them as well as for the rest of the family would be very different but for the assistance and programs made available by the private sector and government.

It is no wonder that for over 25 years of my career in government, I favored jobs and appointments in health and human services which expanded my knowledge and has helped me to better understand the challenges we face in meeting the demands of our residents for more and better services, even in our hospitals.

For six plus years I served as State Deputy Director of Health. First as Deputy Director of Administration and then as Deputy Director of County/State Hospitals. These positions provided me in-depth knowledge of the day-to-day operations of the Health Department as well as the myriad of issues hospitals throughout this State faced.

As Special Assistant to the Governor in Human Resources and as Director of the Department of Community Services in the City and County of Honolulu the mandates were to address the needs of the poor, elderly, youth at risk, health services, jobs, homeless, the disenfranchised. And then, to ask ----what can government do. That I served as Deputy Attorney General for the State, First Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu and Administrative Staff Attorney for the Judiciary will continue to assist me in viewing issues from both legal and non-legal perspectives.

These experiences and positions as well as my most recent position as Chief of Staff to Mayor Harris have led me to value and better appreciate the importance of a system of government that cares about the

health and welfare of its people and works hard to support it with appropriate resources in the context of competing demands. Thus, while I will continue to vigilantly advocate for those in need, I know full well the limitations, challenges AND possibilities of what government and the private sector can do and the importance of the role of decision makers in the allocation of limited resources.

The shared vision for the State hospitals is that they remain accessible, affordable and provide quality care on all of the islands. It would be an honor for me to work alongside other board members and with the excellent administration and staff of the Hawaii Hospital Systems Corporation in meeting the many challenges ahead.

In closing, I thank this Committee for your hard work in these difficult times and for giving me the opportunity to be here today. I also thank everyone who has provided testimony on my behalf.

I thank you for your consideration of my nomination.

RE: Confirmation of Abelina Madrid Shaw to the Board of the HHSC

March 5, 2012

TO: Senator Josh Green
Chairman, Health Committee

FROM: Abelina Madrid Shaw
Nominee to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation

RE: Response to your Office's Request to address the following questions.

- 1) Why do you wish to be a member of the *Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation*?

To participate in decisions that affect the affordability, accessibility, and quality of hospital care in this State, especially in the Critical Access hospitals located mainly on the neighbor islands.

- 2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation*?

To keep abreast with the myriad of issues confronting the various regional hospital system boards and CEO's and, where applicable, identify areas of operation and practice which may benefit from system-wide support, practice and collaboration.

The focus of an at large board member should be from a system-wide and state-wide perspective.

- 3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation*, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

For six plus years I served as Deputy Director of Health for the State of Hawaii Department of Health. First, as Deputy Director of Administration then for three years as Deputy Director of the Department of Health County/State hospitals. These positions provided broad in-depth knowledge not only of the day-to-day operations of the Department of Health but also of the myriad of issues and problems hospitals throughout the State faced and will continue to face.

In addition, I have always had a particular interest in the delivery of health and human services in this State. Over the past 20 years the various government and private sector positions I sought or was appointed to further expanded my interest and knowledge about what services were available to those most in need. As Special Assistant to the Governor in Human Services and as Director of the Department of Community Services in the City and County of Honolulu concerns were about the poor, elderly, youth at risk, homeless, houseless, health, and the disenfranchised. These positions as well as membership on various non-profit boards have helped me to better understand the service needs in our State --- not unlike the concerns of those seeking better and more hospital services and care.

Also, my practice in law and the various legal government positions as First Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City and county of Honolulu, State Deputy Attorney General, and Staff Attorney for the Judiciary will continue to assist me in viewing hospital board issues from a non-legal and legal perspectives.

4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

- Gain a better understanding and knowledge of and implement HRS 323F which shifted the administrative structure of the County/State hospitals to regional administrative boards on the respective islands.
- Explore more opportunities to work collaboratively with the private sector hospitals in the delivery of health services, particularly on the neighbor islands.
- Help to operate a viable, sustainable hospital system in this State and concurrently strive to reduce reliance on State subsidies.

5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit *the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health System Corporation*?

- Enjoy working collaboratively with people and groups.
- Recognize and respect that there are many points of view to any issue.
- Consider it a challenge to optimize the worth of State and City government for our citizens.

These qualities will help to sustain any board member who wishes to truly understand the difficulties facing our hospitals today.

6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the *Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation*?

Seek the resignation of hospital executives for failure to meet expectations. The health field and health care leaves little room for poor work or negligence. Quality of care issues must be addressed seriously. Besides affordable and accessible care, delivery of quality care is paramount.

The HHSC Board must seize the opportunity to ensure quality care in all our facilities.

7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the *Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation*? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

No conflict of interest now or foreseen.

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 543

Senate Committee on Health

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Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 229

To: Honorable Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Honorable Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair
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From: Maria Etrata, President, Oahu Filipino Community Council

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Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

Dear Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Senate Health Committee Members:

My name is Maria Etrata. As president of the Oahu Filipino Community Council, I am proud to support Gov. Neil Abercrombie's nominee, attorney Abelina Madrid Shaw, to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. 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.

OFCC respectfully asks that you support attorney Shaw's confirmation. Our members, many of whom are working in the health care industry, are concerned about Hawai'i's aging population, a fractured health care system, and access to affordable, quality, and accountable health care services. We believe in attorney Shaw's commitment to improving and building on the strengths of our health care system.

As Filipinos are Hawai'i's second largest ethnic group, we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a stakeholder and join in the stewardship for good health of all of Hawai'i's people, especially the indigenous people of our Native Hawaiian host culture. The largest reported mixed race group among Filipinos are Hawaiian-Filipinos. OFCC believes that attorney Shaw will work well with the other board members and work hard for the health of our state. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our supportive testimony on her behalf.

Sincerely,

Maria Etrata
President, Oahu Filipino Community Council



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

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Dear Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Senate Health Committee Members:

UFCH submits this testimony to strongly support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of attorney Abelina Madrid Shaw to the Hawai'i Health System Corporation Board of Directors. My name is Lynne Gutierrez. I am the president of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (UFCH). We are an umbrella organization with member civic groups from six island councils. UFCH membership is comprised of nearly 5,000 individual members.

Based on her decades of advocacy work for marginalized groups and vulnerable individuals, our Filipino community has tremendous confidence and trust in attorney Shaw's ability to help steer our nation's fourth largest public hospital system in the right direction to develop sound policies, procedures, and rules necessary to plan, operate, and manage Hawai'i's hospitals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our strong support for Ms. Madrid Shaw and for holding this important confirmation hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Gutierrez, President, United Filipino Council of Hawaii



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

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Dear Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Senate Health Committee Members:

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 for the gubernatorial nomination of attorney Abelina Madrid Shaw to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

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.

As nurses, we are concerned about health disparities, access to health care for the poor, job security and equitable working conditions for all health care workers, language access for English language learners who struggle to navigate our complex health care systems, and more. We believe attorney Shaw will bring this rigorous perspective to the board when deliberating health care policies and plans to strengthen both Hawai'i's health care systems and people.

Thank you for holding this confirmation hearing and for the opportunity to support Gov. Neil Abercrombie's nominee, attorney Abelina Madrid Shaw.

Sincerely,

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

Filipino American Citizens League

Jake Manegdeg, President
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Dear Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Senate Health Committee Members:

My name is Jake Manegdeg, president of Filipino American Citizens League. I strongly support Gov. Neil Abercrombie's nominee to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Ms. Abelina Madrid Shaw. 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.

Ms. Shaw has worked shoulder to shoulder with Hawai'i's Filipino and broader communities for over thirty years to ensure equal access to health care. She will provide critical thinking and balance to the board to ensure health equity and sound policy making for our health care system.

Your consideration of Ms. Shaw's confirmation is greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg
President, Filipino American Citizens League



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From: Charlene Cuaresma, Past President, Filipino American Citizens League

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Dear Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Senate Health Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As past president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, I strongly support the confirmation of Governor Abercrombie's nominee, Abelina Shaw, to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aims are to work for social justice issues and to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, social action and service.

The Coalition is confident that attorney Shaw brings a principled value system and fair voice to all stakeholders who desire to improve access to health care, while at the same time address the challenges of being a good steward of limited resources during Hawai'i's economic recovery. Her previous experience as deputy director of health and her advocacy work on behalf of vulnerable grassroots groups demonstrate her competency and readiness to lead this vital board to safeguard the health for Hawai'i's people. Health is a social justice issue. The Filipino community is deeply appreciative of attorney Shaw's expertise in public policy and decades of advocacy work for vulnerable communities.

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

Respectfully,

Charlene Cuaresma
 Past President
 Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



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From: Nancy Atmospera-Walch, RN, BSN, MPH, LNA, MCHES, CCHN, CMC
 President, AIM Healthcare Institute
 President, ADVANTAGE Health Care Provider

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Dear Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Senate Health Committee Members:

My name is Nancy Atmospera-Walch, a Master's Prepared Registered Nurse, a Master Certified Health Education Specialist, a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, a Certified Care Home Nurse, a Certified Case Manager, an Entrepreneur, a Health Care Advocate and a Health Care Consumer. As a Health Care Professional, I am and I have been involved in global, national and local health care issues through my memberships as an officer, founder or just as a member of global, national and local health care associations. Locally, I am the immediate past president of the Filipino Nurses Organization of Hawaii, an organization with over 500 members, and the founding president of the Filipino Nurses Foundation. I have been a member for over ten years of the Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts on the Office on Women's Health of the US Department of Health and Human Services in Washington DC.

As such, I understand fully the health care issues that affect all of us. Therefore, I am excited, proud and honored to submit my strong support of Gov. Neil Abercrombie's nominee, Attorney Abelina Madrid Shaw, to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

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I know Attorney Shaw personally and I have worked with her professionally, and I can speak with confidence that her attributes of fairness, integrity, honesty, empathy, collaboration and sincerity are just few of the benefits that she is bringing with her, if she is confirmed to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

Currently, the world is in a financial turmoil and the State of Hawaii is no exception. However, Attorney Shaw's previous experience in financial accountability and human resource management as the deputy director of health and chief of staff of the City and County of Honolulu are competencies that Ms. Shaw has demonstrated positively; thus, making her as one of the best nominee to take on this very important but challenging job. We need board members with the caliber of Ms. Shaw to protect and advocate the health of the people of Hawaii for our Health is our Wealth.

Attorney Shaw has also been an advocate for social justice and many of the health care issues affecting us are social justice issues and her experience as an attorney combined with her many years of work as an advocate in public policies affecting the minorities would certainly benefit the other members of the board, for they will definitely dealing with this issue, considering how culturally diverse our population in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Shaw's interpersonal skills and emphasis on win-win benefits of all parties have resulted in successful outcomes in many of her endeavors.

In closing, I humbly ask all of you to please confirm attorney Shaw's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, for I believe that she will do a fantastic job for all of us.

Thank you for hearing this measure and giving me the opportunity to provide my support to Attorney Abby Shaw's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

With Warmest Aloha,

Nancy Atmospera-Walch



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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

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Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony in Support of GM 543, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, ABELINA SHAW, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), I greatly appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Abelina Shaw, as the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors' at-large seat representative.

Ms. Shaw has extensive administrative, public health and legal expertise as well as a proven track record of strong, decisive, and visionary leadership. In the few months she has served on the HHSC Board, Ms. Shaw has contributed significantly to deliberations at our Board meetings and currently serves on four committees. She chairs the Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee. Abby has brought a fresh perspective to many of the challenging issues health care systems face today.

HHSC is confident that Ms. Shaw's continued contributions as a member of the HHSC Corporate Board will serve Hawaii well in the future and we look forward to working with her. Her confirmation will help to assure that some of the best minds in Hawaii are watching out for our future and that all our island communities have access to quality health care.

Senator Green and committee members

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I am submitting testimony in strong support of Abelina Shaw's nomination to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board (HHSC).

I have known her as a friend, colleague, and subordinate for close to thirty years and she possesses the skills, knowledge, personality, and time to fulfill this directorship. She was also born and raised on Kauai which gives her a unique prospective of the neighbor islands which contain the majority of HHSC facilities.

The following is a partial list of her background:

- Deputy Director of Health for Hospitals
- Staff attorney for AG's office
- Staff attorney for Judiciary
- Private practice (attorney)
- Various positions with City & County of Honolulu
- Various community organizations & groups
- Project director Governor's Office

Again she is the right person, at the right time, and for the right reason to be Governor Abercrombie's appointee to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board.

Jerry Walker, DrPH
Regional CEO
Kauai Region, HHSC

March 5, 2012

TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M. D., Chair, The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Jean Odo, Kauai Region Member
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Board of Directors

RE: GM 543 – Testimony in Support of Abelina Shaw for the HHSC Board Directors, At-Large Seat

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Abelina Shaw, as the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors' at-large seat representative.

I have known Abbey Shaw for many years having been born and raised on the island of Kauai. Similar to my upbringing on the island of Kauai, Abbey grew up in a small plantation town. She was reared to respect her parents and others in all surroundings (an important creed of the Filipino culture).

And in spite of the many challenges that Filipino women growing up in sugar plantations had to face, Abbey dared to dream and dared to do, and she chose to take it beyond all expectations evolving from a demure youngster into a very successful, highly educated and caring adult, business professional and community leader.

With regard to the HHSC board, Ms. Shaw adds to our discussions by always providing insightful and grounded input, based on her extensive experience in law, public policy, state government and public health. In fact, Abbey chairs the board's Quality Improvement Patient Safety Committee. This responsibility truly reflects her on-going commitment and core values to improve the quality of care HHSC provides its island communities.

Abbey is also extremely active in community and political affairs. She possesses an aura of distinction and her witty comments/responses are enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

I am proud to support Ms. Shaw's at-large seat confirmation and commend Governor Neil Abercrombie for recognizing her to fulfill this important board role. Your consideration to confirm this appointment would be greatly appreciated.

March 5, 2012

TO: Honorable Josh Green (M.D.), Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Wilfredo Tungol, Esq.

RE: G.M. 543 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Abelina M. Shaw to the
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

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Aloha Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in SUPPORT of Abelina M. Shaw's confirmation to the board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

I have known Ms. Shaw for over thirty years, beginning as my instructor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and later as a fellow attorney-colleague. Abby, as she is affectionately known to those who know her well, is a respected attorney, community leader, and public servant. She has served the public in various capacities, including as a Deputy Attorney General, Deputy Director of Health, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Supreme Court staff attorney, First Deputy Corporation Counsel and Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu. She is currently in private practice and remains involved in our community.

The HHSC is an important quasi-public entity that runs our state hospitals, making it the largest health care provider to the general public. Abby's addition to the board that govern HHSC will ensure that we have a board that will be balance and objective in safeguarding the state funds which support the state hospitals and yet ensure that the medical need of the public, especially those who are in the neighbor islands and rural areas are met.

In summary, Ms. Shaw's professional, community and administrative background will serve as valuable assets to the HHSC Board of Directors if she is confirmed as a director. I respectfully ask that the Committee favorably act to recommend her confirmation to the HHSC Board of Directors.

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TO: Honorable Josh Green (M.D.), Chair
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FROM: Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association

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Aloha Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

Our organization, the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association is writing in SUPPORT of Abelina M. Shaw's confirmation to the board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). Ms. Shaw is a long standing member of our organization and served as mentor to our younger members.

Ms. Shaw is well deserving of being confirmed for this important appointment. Abby, as she is affectionately known to those who know her well, is a respected attorney, community leader, and public servant. She has served the public in various capacities, including as a Deputy Attorney General, Deputy Director of Health, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Supreme Court staff attorney, First Deputy Corporation Counsel and Managing Director of the City and

County of Honolulu. She is currently in private practice and remains involved in our community.

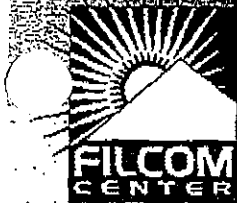
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Re: Abelina Madrid Shaw

I write in support of the appointment of Atty. Abelina Madrid Shaw as a member of the Board of Directors, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

I have known Ms. Shaw for at least three decades. She served as a Deputy Director, State Department of Health and the Chief of Staff of Mayor Jeremy Harris among others. She has the integrity, dedication to public service and the requisite experience to contribute positively to the deliberations/operations of the Hawaii Health System Corporation.

Sincerely,

Geminiano Q. Arre, Jr.
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