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Aloha to the Honorable Senator Chun Oakland,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for you taking the time to read this email. I was nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Area Board. I am now serving by attending meetings and I am thankful that the Governor has found me qualified for the position. I would like to ask the Honorable Senator Chun Oakland for a confirmation vote. I have served in the past the Honorable Representative Terry Yoshinaga and served a successful term. I also had volunteered for your office Senator Chun Oakland and I was delighted to serve you while volunteering for the Children's Youth Program that you put on every year. I would like to thank you for giving me a certificate of volunteering for the Program.

I was also happy to do mail outs and walk the streets of where your constituents reside. I hope that my volunteering for your office did not go unnoticed by you but under the circumstances I tried the very best I could since it was my first time volunteering for a Senator who held chairs in Human Service and various other offices. I would like to take this time and tell you thank you for giving me the experience to volunteer and serve under you. Please Confirm me as a member of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Area Board. I have made contributions already and I plan to devote more time and effort to make it successful. Please contact me if you would like to schedule an interview or you directly email your vote of confirmation by email me at lesfung6@gmail.com My name is Lester Lawrence Fung 3516 Waiialae Avenue #1 Honolulu, HI 96816 Sincerely, Lester L. Fung

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Confirmation Questions on regarding my qualifications to be approved for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board? Why I wanted to be on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board because of my desire to serve those consumers who need service that they continue to do so with programs that are funded by the government so that the unfortunate who have no money continue to receive services through the community health centers. Also, I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree from an accredited University majoring in Political Science and because I was on the Dean's Honor list for an outstanding research paper on the Insanity Defense Plea. I also feel that I am qualified because of my experience working in the Legislature for the Chair of Labor and I was able to research and highlight facts that pertinent in passing laws. I also worked as a book keeper and assisted the Executive Director in the political process of seeing that bills receive justification for due process while I was working for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. My desire is to serve the community and see that the undeserved and less fortunate are served through government programs as a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board? Since I have been serving on the Oahu Service Area Board I have written to Congressmen Daniel Akaka, Daniel Inouye, and Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa and they have replied to me and supported issues such as serving Children and Educators who become displaced due to catastrophic events, the Medicare program that many Mentally disabled persons receive SSDI and SSI are placed on these benefits, also the Senior Citizens which both groups need to see these benefits fixed in order for this program to be successful. Colleen Hanabusa had written to me and stated that she voted for a bill of close to 2 billion dollars to fund Community Health Centers across the United States in support of strengthening Obama Care. I perceive my role as an important communicator between our politicians who serve in office and vote on bills that give entitlements to the unfortunate and serve those who cannot afford health care benefits.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board, 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 Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

My qualifications will be given in bullet points:

- Graduated from Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and I was on the Deans Honor List with a 3.7 g.p.a. or higher.
- Attended University of Phoenix and worked on an MBA but dropped out.
- I worked as a Book Keeper and was successful at it.
- I once held a Real Estate License from 1982 to 1995.
- I served in the Legislature as a Committee Clerk and then took over the Managers position
- Successful in the Retail Sales for General Nutrition Center

- I was diagnosed as a paranoia schizophrenic and recovered through the government system
- I am intelligent and I use my common sense.
- I have never been unemployed and I have been successful at doing many different skills of employment.
- I had served an Honorable Two Year Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Guam and Micronesia.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? Politicians still see a need to fund programs to serve those people who cannot serve themselves. That I may be of an influence to offer hope and encouragement to those who serve our system and those who are served that we all find charity in serving one another and giving back to the government system as well as the community.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board?

- 1. Intelligent. Since graduating from a University thus gaining education on a higher level, also experience serving another country through missionary work, then later in life having experienced a mental illness and recovering through the community health centers and then a private mental health center. Through these experiences I have learned that recovery is not easy without the government health system. It was the government that assisted me while I was able to struggle holding on to a part-time job. It was the doctors and therapy that gave me courage to continue to live on. If it wasn't for the system I might have failed.
- 2. Faith. Not faith in a religious way but faith in one another and in the government system that healthcare can thrive and serve the unfortunate. We need one another to make a system thrive and heal the wounds of those whose mental health have been broken and substance abuse needs fixing.
- 3. Leadership. I was able to lead others and others were able to follow. I know that I can offer the type of leadership it takes to reach goals and achieve the type of success that it takes to see that the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board can achieve and bring out the talents of each individual serving so that the goal of all those serving will benefit the Board as a whole.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board? I felt that all the Service Area Board members were happy that I was able to compile all of the letters from the Congressmen and Congresswoman and report on them in a fashion that was interesting and that pertained to the issues that we support. One of the members patted me on the back as a gesture of good job that was done and I was grateful to be recognized by those members who support me.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest? I see no conflict of interest that would stop me from attending the meetings, so far I have not been absent from any meetings and if I for some unknown reason cannot make a meeting I will notify the Chair or the person in charge of calling us and report my excuse of an absence .

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Comments:

My name is Scott Wall and speaking on behalf of the Consumer, Family, & Youth Alliance we feel that Lester Fung will be a great asset to the Oahu Area Service Board and strongly support his nomination.

Scott Wall

Administrator (Oahu)

Consumer, Family, & Youth Alliance

State of Hawaii
Department of Health
Mr. Josh Green
Chairman of Health

Dear Mr. Josh Green,

This is my recommendation for Mr. Lester L. Fung to the Oahu Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Mr. Lester L. Fung has been actively pursuing the maintenance for services in the State of Hawaii, by means correspondence with our Congressional Officials. The Honorable Congressional Senator Mr. Daniel K. Akaka stated in his letter to Lester, he is supporting Act of 2010 (S. 2898/H.R. 5240), this is in behalf for Child Safety, Care, and Education Continuity.

The Honorable Congressional Senator Mr. Daniel K. Inouye letter states that he sent to Lester communication regarding Medicare and the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula; concerning Medicare providers and maintains services for Medicare patients.

The Honorable Congressional Representative Ms. Colleen Hanabusa, said in email to Lester, concerning correspondence for funding for community health centers. Ms. Hanabusa supports the critical role that medical care is available to all Americans.

Mr. Lester L. Fung is and will go grassroots in private funded Mental Health programs to ensure that additional services are giving to Mental Health consumers.

I support Mr. Lester L. Fung to be on the Oahu Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, for 2012.

Malama Ho'omau,

Mr. Glenn Y. Yamasaki