

GM626

MICHAEL GLEASON

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Governatorial Nominee, MICHAEL GLEASON, for a term to expire 6-30-2015 (Replaces GM615).

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector (Replaces GM615)

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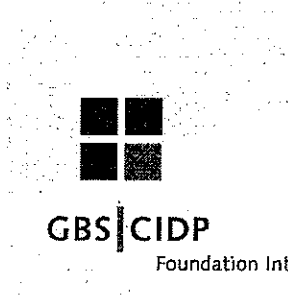
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To whom it may concern:

I strongly support Mike Gleason's candidacy for the Hawaii Health Connector Board. His extensive experience working in the non-profit Hawaii health care community makes him an ideal candidate.

Aloha,
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To: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Laura Robertson Smith, President/CEO
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: March 20, 2012

Re: **Letter in Support of the Nomination of Michael Gleason to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector (GM 626)**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (Goodwill) submits this testimony in support of The Governor's nomination of Michael Gleason to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. Mr. Gleason possesses exceptional professional, and contract experience that will enable him to be a successful board member.

Mr. Gleason has a distinguished background of over twenty (20) years of service within the non-profit sector in numerous key leadership roles. As President and CEO of a successful non-profit organization, Mr. Gleason has demonstrated his ability to collaborate effectively, this coupled with his keen entrepreneur endeavors has helped his organization to grow tremendously. Mr. Gleason will bring to the board a unique perspective, with the ability to offer key ideas about ways to best serve both vendors and individuals/small businesses.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside Mr. Gleason for many years as we have served on various boards and committees together, including in his current capacity as the Hawaii Alliance of Non Profit Organizations Board Chairman role. He is a man of integrity, and actively encourages all voices and points of view on any particular issue to be heard.

Goodwill supports the appointment of Michael Gleason to this board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Laura D. Smith

Laura D. Smith
President/CEO



March 21, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee On Commerce and
Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

Re: Confirmation Hearing for Michael Gleason
Hawaii Health Connector Board
GM 626

This testimony is in support of Michael Gleason, President and CEO of the Arc of Hilo, as a Board member of the Hawaii Health Connector.

I have known Mr. Gleason for a number of years in his capacity as President of the Arc of Hilo and through various memberships in the Hawaii Island community, including the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay.

Mr. Gleason is a champion of the handicapped and underserved at risk community on Hawaii Island. He is a leader in this arena, ensuring his clients, employees and fellow employers are aware of the challenges physically, mentally and financially. He is a respected leader in our community who is focused and shares his success in ways that benefit many.

He is a benefit to the Hawaii Health Connector Board of which he has served as an Interim Board Member through 2011. We hope you confirm him as a Board member because we know he will represent a large sector of Hawaii's at risk community well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Michael Gleason's Board confirmation to the Hawaii Health Connector. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please feel free to contact me at (808) 989-9583.

Mahalo.

Barry K. Taniguchi
President



March 21, 2012

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support Testimony for Mr. Michael Gleason, GM 626

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

I would like to express my strong support for Mr. Mike Gleason's nomination for the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. My organization, HANO is a statewide, sector-wide professional association for nonprofits. HANO member nonprofits provide essential services to every community in the state. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i.

Mr. Gleason is currently the Chair of HANO's Board of Directors and is a founding board member of HANO, since its inception in 2006. Throughout his tenure on HANO's board, Mr. Gleason served in numerous leadership capacities and has been completely devoted to the mission of the organization. In addition to this board commitment and to his work as President and CEO of the Arc of Hilo, Mr. Gleason serves in many other leadership capacities on other boards and commissions on the Big Island, here on Oahu, as well as at the national level. Through these diverse activities, Mr. Gleason has demonstrated his civic commitment and devotion to the various communities he serves. He clearly understands what it takes to build new systems that enhance communication, capacity and connect people to the critical resources they need, which the Hawai'i Health Connector strives to do.

He has the respect of his colleagues, myself included, who find him to be the quintessential professional, with a quiet but very effective communication style and demeanor. Mr. Gleason is innovative, thoughtful and collaborative and could lend much expertise and knowledge to the Hawai'i Health Connector. He is well matched to this task.

For these reasons, I strongly urge your approval of his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Mr. Mike Gleason.

Mahalo,
Lisa Maruyama, President and CEO

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

DATE: Friday, March 23, 2012

TIME: 9:00 am

PLACE: Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF MICHAEL GLEASON
GM 626

Good Morning Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

I am Rev. Sam Domingo and I am the Oahu President of FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity). FACE is the largest State inter-faith and community organizing non-profit. We have 29 institutions on Maui, 27 on Oahu and one statewide. There are 38 churches, a Buddhist Temple, 2 Jewish congregations, 10 community groups and non-profit organizations and one labor union. FACE has a statewide participating membership base in excess of 40,000.

I am here in support of the nomination of Michael Gleason. As the CEO of the Hilo ARC, Mr. Gleason has done much for the consumer community. He has supported FACE in our work to continue our social justice and consumer advocacy. He has been the lone voice for the consumer on the Interim Connector Board and has actively worked towards outreach and collaboration with the stakeholder community.

I strongly support this nomination as Mr. Gleason would be a strong voice and advocate for the consumer as the ACA and the Hawaii Health Connector move into compliance with Federal law. Also, his historical knowledge of the interim board regarding their view of the consumer and stakeholder collaboration will be invaluable to the new board members being confirmed today. I feel certain that the consumer will have a voice during this process and I ask that you confirm MICHAEL GLEASON to the board of the Hawaii Health Connector.

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Mike Gleason's to the Hawaii Health Connector Board. I have know Mike for more than ten years as the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Arc of Hilo, Mike is an outstanding advocate for populations with great needs, especially low income persons and people with disabilities. He has worked with hundreds of Big Island families.

In the last four years I have served as staff to the Workforce Investment Board of Hawaii County. In that capacity, I have worked closely with Mike, as our Board Chair for most of that time. He is informed, involved and an excellent leader. He is adept at gaining consensus, soliciting input and moving difficult issues to decision. Please contact me if I may provide any further information.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Kathleen Nielsen

2/14/12

To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Mike Gleason, Hawaii Health Connector Board nominee.

Re: Personal Statement

Aloha Committee members:

As a former teacher, administrator and now as CEO of a non-profit organization that provides services and advocacy for our citizens who are among the most disadvantaged in our state, I recognize the great responsibility of the Hawaii Health Connector to develop, implement and sustain an insurance exchange where individuals and small businesses can shop, compare and purchase health plans that fit their needs. As a member of the Interim Connector Board I have learned a great deal and as chairman of the Consumer Outreach committee have helped develop a plan to receive input from and provide information to the consumers of the Hawaii Insurance Exchange. I would like to continue to provide oversight of this plan as a member of the Hawaii Health Connector Board. I have been a consumer advocate for health care at a Federally Qualified Community Health Center for 5 years, a non-profit leader for 12 years, a High School teacher for 20 years and a Middle School Administrator for 2 years.

Mahalo for this consideration and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mike Gleason