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SERVICES
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Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 634

For consideration and confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nominee,
MELISSA GIBO, State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Measure Title:
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MELISSA GIBO, for a term
to expire 6-30-2016.

To Honorable:

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Good Afternoon and Aloha!

My name is Nancy Atmospera-Walch, a self-employed Healthcare Entrepreneur as an owner and Chief Executive Officer Of ADVANTAGE Health Care Provider, a company serving the needs of the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled and a colleague of Melissa.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Melissa Gibo who was nominated by Governor Neil

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Abercrombie to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities because we could not find a more dedicated and qualified candidate than Miss Gibo. I have known Ms. Gibo for over two years when I became a member of the Hawaii Waiver Provider Association (HWPA). However, I have really known her when I became a member of the Board of the Hawaii Waiver Provider Association.

Ms. Gibo is very a knowledgeable, creative, sincere, fun, innovative and a dependable individual who is always searching for excellence.

In addition, Ms. Gibo has a wealth of experience in working with the DD population such as:

- Non-profit work with individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities – 9 years
- Program Director of Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services (DDWS) Program – 6 years
- Hawai'i Waiver Providers Association (HWPA) Board of Directors – 4 years
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW) member – 2 years

I humbly ask all of you to please confirm Melissa Gibo's nomination to State Council on Developmental Disabilities for I believe that she will do a fantastic job for our DD population. If you are a parent, or know of someone who has family member who has an intellectual of developmental disability, say YES to Ms. Gibo, and I can assure you that at the end of her term, you will be saying, "I am glad I confirmed her."

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support Melissa Gibo's confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

submitted electronically

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