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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

February 10, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

<u>STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Joshua Smalley-Bower	6/30/2016	Reappointment

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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February 28, 2012

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
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Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 640 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Smalley-Bower

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 640** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Smalley-Bower for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following are required to be on the Council: relevant State entities; State entities that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; local and non-governmental agencies, and private non-profit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD.

Mr. Smalley-Bower was first appointed to the Council in October 2009. His reappointment would continue to fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD. He currently lives at home with his parents. As a person with medically fragile conditions, he knows the importance of accessible comprehensive medical care for persons with DD. His experience in receiving services through the Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver program would contribute to the Council's advocacy efforts to assure that the program provides an array of services to support individuals with DD to live in the community in a flexible and individualized manner.

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He is a member of the Council's Employment and Education Committee that is addressing increased access to information on employment, self-employment, and post-secondary options for students, families, teachers and case managers. Mr. Smalley-Bower is also a member of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) who is working on establishing a statewide self-advocacy network that includes and is governed by individuals with DD. He is a true self-advocate who articulates his desires and exercises his rights and self-determination.

Mr. Smalley-Bower is a remarkable young man who maintains a positive attitude despite his daily health challenges. He is a mentor for others to live life to the fullest. The Council would greatly benefit from Mr. Smalley-Bower's experience and perspective in carrying out its mission, "...to support people with developmental disabilities to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire."

We are pleased with Mr. Smalley-Bower's nomination to serve a second term on the Council and looks forward to his continued contributions on the Council's Employment and Education Committee and SAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 640** to confirm Joshua Smalley-Bower to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,


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February 28, 2012

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 640 - Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Smalley-Bower

It is an honor to ask for your support of **GM 640** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Smalley-Bower to State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Smalley-Bower for over 12 years, both personally and in my professional capacity as the Program Specialist for the Special Parent Information Network. I have always admired his energy, passion and dedication to ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) are able to live meaningful and productive lives. As a volunteer speaker at our annual conference sharing his personal experiences, Mr. Smalley-Bower has inspired other individuals with DD and their families to be proactive in their pursuit of creating a better community support network.

Mr. Smalley-Bower has volunteered his expertise on countless statewide committees as a self-advocate and community member. He has been professional and forthright in working with all stakeholders involved and has demonstrated that a positive attitude goes a long way.

Mr. Smalley-Bower's appointment will assist the Council in its activities to promote the principles of self-determination, empower individuals with developmental disabilities to become self-advocates, and increase community supports in our state. I am deeply pleased with Mr. Smalley-Bower's re-appointment to serve on the Council and look forward to his contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for **GM 640** to confirm Joshua Smalley-Bower to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Very Truly Yours,

Jan M. Tateishi

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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
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RE: **GM 640 – Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Smalley-Bower**

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

As a parent of a young man with developmental disabilities and as a professional in the disability field, I would like to offer my **strong support for Joshua Smalley-Bower** to serve a second term as a Council member for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Smalley-Bower has made an outstanding member of the Council for the last two years. In addition to his service to the Council, he has a wealth of experience as a self-advocate including the following achievements:


- Serving on a panel at the National Assistive Technology Conference at age sixteen;
- Representing Hawaii as a youth delegate at a Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. in 1998;
- Being recognized as an outstanding individual with a disability by the 13th Annual Pac Rim Conference for “making significant contributions to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in Hawaii”; and
- Providing persuasive testimony to the 1998 Legislature for Hawaii’s landmark legislation on self-determination for persons with disabilities.

Despite serious health challenges, Mr. Smalley-Bower has shown remarkable dedication to put the interests of others ahead of his own. He attended the Council’s Partners in Policymaking Academy to learn how to effectively advocate on a systems level and has attended numerous workshops and conferences to enhance his understanding of disability issues.

Mr. Smalley-Bower is very humble about his accomplishments and remains ever positive about our potential to improve the system of care for persons with disabilities. Should you confirm Mr. Smalley-Bower for a second appointment to the Council, you will be benefiting not only the Council, but the community at large.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support for this exceptional nominee.

Sincerely,


Susan Rocco

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