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**TESTIMONY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
GM 663, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF ED CHEVY
TO DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD**

Wednesday, March 07, 2012 at 1:30 pm
Conference room 229

Chair Senator Josh Green, Vice-chair Senator Clarence Nishihara, and Members of Senate Committee on Health:

Aloha,

I am in support of Gubernatorial nominee Ed Chevy to the Disability and Communication Access Board. I have known Ed and his family for over 20 years.

Mr. Chevy has been very active within the Deaf community. He is an instrumental tool to starting Sign Wave, deaf rock musical sign language group here. He also was the planner of Sign Language Festival held at Kapiolani Community College. Thus, it has brought me to setting up "Listen to Silence" exhibits as a project coordinator at City Hall Annex from 1990 to 1993. Ed was also a board member of Hawaii Services on Deafness. He taught songs in sign language at Kapiolani Community College in which we performed with him at events.

Mr. Chevy will bring lots of his experiences on deafness-related issues if selected to serve on this board.

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