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Senate Committee on Health
c/o Office of Senator Josh Green, M.D.
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am interested in serving on the Department of Health Disability and Communications Access Board, Board of Directors. I apologize for not appearing before you in person, but I live on the Big Island and am not able to be here today.

As a business owner and practicing architect in Hawaii, I have been involved in many projects involving compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Projects included County parks, healthcare, resorts, food establishments, retail and offices where equal access is necessary for employees and the public. Since the 1980's the ADA has been incorporated into our built environment and has grown to be an integral component of architecture in providing access for the disabled. As a member of the DCAB, I will bring skills and knowledge on access based on my experience in design and construction of the built environment and will also provide input from economic and social perspectives.

I believe in volunteerism. Serving on the DCAB Board of Directors is an opportunity for me to contribute to our community by improving our lifestyle and maintaining it for our future.

The architectural profession has enabled me to develop problem solving skills and to work well with others. I am also a good listener and interviewer and always gather then evaluate information before making a responsible decision. These skill sets have prepared me to be an effective board participant.

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii and child of elderly parents, I have personally experienced how the ADA is providing equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities and it would be an honor to serve on the Disabilities and Communications Access Board, Board of Directors to perpetuate its mission.

Respectfully yours,

Robin K. Inaba

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