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Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Committee on Health  
The Senate of the State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

March 7, 2012

Re: Nathan Chang, MSW

Dear Senator Green:

I am writing this letter in support of Nathan Chang, MSW, in support of his confirmation by the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Health to be appointed to the Hawaii Health Authority.

Mr. Chang has been a certified social worker since 1979, after earning his Master of Social Work (with a concentration in medical social work) from the University of Hawaii. Mr. Chang has been extremely active in the academic sector, the government sector, the private sector, as well as within the community at large. He has served as an instructor in the University of Hawaii's School of Social Work since 1989, and has acted as the Chairman of the Bachelor of Social Work program for fifteen years.

Mr. Chang also has innumerable experience within the public and private sectors. In addition to running his own private social work practice, he has previously worked for Catholic Charities as a social worker specializing in child protective services and family counseling and, later, a program director for the Kalihi Family Service Unit. In addition, he also worked for the Learning Disability Clinic of the Hawaii State Department of Health.

Finally, Mr. Chang has been very active within the health community. He is currently the Chair of the Committee on Ethics for the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. He previously served as a board member for: the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Work, the Waikiki Health Center, Samoan Service Providers Association, and Hawaii Youth Services Network.

Having worked in the academic, private, and public sectors, Mr. Chang would bring a huge breadth of knowledge and experience to the Hawaii Health Authority. His long record of community service demonstrates the commitment that he has for the people of the State of

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Hawaii. His impressive resume shows that he is well qualified to be appointed to the Hawaii Health Authority. I fully support Mr. Chang in his endeavor to be confirmed by the Committee on Health under your leadership.

Sincerely,



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