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Senator Josh Green, M.D.
Chair, Senate Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
Att: Mailene Oakland-Tialavea

Dear Senator Green:

As your office has requested I am providing the following responses to the 7 questions:

1. I wish to be a member of the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) to contribute my knowledge and expertise in implementing the HHA's charges and in achieving its goals, as a concerned citizen of the State of Hawaii, specifically to partake in its charges of overall health planning for the state, developing a comprehensive health plan for the state and dealing with other related issues in relation to the Federal law, rules or regulations.
2. A member's role and responsibilities of HHA are complex and multitudinous that includes determining the priorities of issues and steps toward effectively and efficiently achieving its goals and providing the State legislature all the necessary and appropriate data and recommendations in a timely manner, through a collaborative, concerted and focused efforts with other members of the Authority and other appropriate state agencies.
3. I believe that I am well qualified for the position with my past work and experiences as senior faculty member of several medical schools and public and private health organizations and Federal agencies of the mainland as well as my work at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine as clinician, teacher, administrator, an advocate in rational health care system and as a collaborating consultant with the State health department on various levels. I have had also work experiences in overseas health systems that includes as a three year commission in the mid 1990s as the director of an international health services in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medical School and as the founding chairman of Neuropsychiatry Department of Samsung Medical Center, Seoul, Korea, observing and providing consultations on the health policy

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Josh Green, M.D.
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Dear Senator Green:

Dr. S. Peter Kim has asked me to write this letter in support of him as a nominee for a position as a member of the Hawaii Health Authority.

I first met Dr. Kim after he moved to Hawaii in 1997 following a distinguished medical career in New York City, where he taught and provided clinical services for indigent populations at the New York University School of Medicine and NYU-Bellevue Hospital Centers. From this time, Dr. Kim has been a stable in the Hawaii medical community, acting as an educator and administrator at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, a member on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council, and founding medical director of the Family treatment Center of the Queen's Medical Center. In addition to these positions of leadership, Dr. Kim has also been highly sought as a medical consultant, first as an overseas health systems consultant with John Hopkins Medical School acting as the founding chairman of Neuropsychiatry at the Samsung Medical Center in Seoul, Korea and later to the Hawaii State Department of Health at various levels.

With his in-depth knowledge and expertise in both medicine and in the management/business administration fields; his dedicated interest and willingness to serve for the interest of the needy and community-level health care, Dr. Kim is well qualified to be appointed through confirmation of your Committee to the Authority he has been nominated to by the Governor.

I fully support Dr. Kim in his endeavor to be confirmed by the Committee on Health under your leadership.

Sincerely,

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