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March 6, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to highly commend Ms. Marion Poirier for her distinctive role in furthering the health of the state of Hawaii's community. As the former Executive Director of The National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Hawaii, Ms. Poirier fielded desperate phone calls from me when I was lost, confused, and seeking to claim disability due to mental health reasons. For 12 years, I have had the pleasure of working side-by-side with Ms. Poirier as a consumer/office volunteer, as a board member, writing grants, planning special events, and as past President of NAMI Hawai'i.

What Ms. Poirier brings to the table is a rich balance of her nursing and managerial talents. She can take something from left field as evidenced in a support group and turn it around; she leads by example, letting others shine; she gives freely of her time and expertise.

Ms. Poirier has been both mentor and friend to me. Recovery is a process. Ms. Poirier has reincarnated such meaningful values as hope, empowerment, and goal orientation. I owe my recovery to her as do so many other consumers. In the ensuing years, a motley crew of office volunteers came under her tutelage. She has a knack for honing valuable skills, while bringing out the best in a person.

Ms. Poirier's character is seamless. She always put NAMI first over any financial remuneration. Under her strong leadership NAMI has thrived. She evinces a rare quality of caring and compassion, but, above all, she is passionate in her quest for a just and better world. Ms. Poirier is definitely a "people" person, who builds strong interpersonal relationships. She loves a good story, always has time for others, and is ever so warm and cheerful.

I wholeheartedly support Ms Poirier's Senate confirmation for the Hawaii Health Authority.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM685

March 7, 2012; 1:30 P.M.; Conference Room 229

To: Honorable Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair, Senate Health Committee
Honorable Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair, Senate Health Committee
Honorable Health Committee Members

From: Ron Menor, Esq.

My name is Ron Menor. I am a private attorney and a former member of the State Senate and State House of Representatives. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Marion Poirier to the Hawaii Health Authority.

I have known Marion for many years through my involvement in community activities in Mililani where she has been a long-time resident. I also worked with her on important health care issues during the years that I served as the Chair of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing Committee and the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee. I can personally attest that Marion possesses all of the attributes and qualifications that will make her an outstanding member of the Hawaii Health Authority.

Given her education and professional background, Marion is extremely knowledgeable and has the expertise regarding the health care issues that the authority will be addressing. Moreover, as the former Executive Director of NAMI Oahu, she was an effective advocate for those with mental health issues, and was instrumental in the passage of legislation benefiting that segment of our population.

Marion is also a conscientious, dedicated, and caring individual. She will be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii Health Authority.

For all of the above reasons, I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of GM685. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this important appointment.