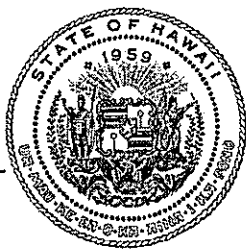


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Statement of  
**RICHARD C. LIM**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

1:17 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**GM 857**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, JILL CANFIELD, for a term to expire 6-30-2015**

Chair English, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on  
Transportation and International Affairs.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Jill Canfield to serve on the Hawaii Sister State Committee. Ms. Canfield was nominated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Members of the Hawaii Sister State Committee are responsible for developing and evaluating recommendations for all Sister-state or province relationships, and forwarding their recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor for their approval. They are also responsible for periodically evaluating established sister-state relationships.

The ideal candidate should also have a strong interest in, and support the development of Hawaii as an international global leader. Ms. Canfield has had a long and distinguished career in international relations and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council.

Ms. Canfield will bring a fresh prospective to the Hawaii Sister State Committee especially in the area of foreign affairs issues in the Asia-Pacific region. The Committee would be extremely fortunate to have her as a member and I urge you to give her nomination your strongest consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.



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March 26, 2012

Senator J. Kalani English  
Chair, Transportation and International Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Senator English:

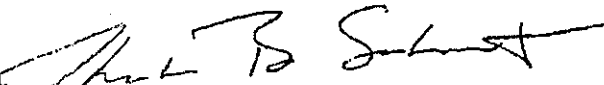
I am writing to support the nomination of Ms. Jill Takasaki Canfield to the Hawaii Sister State Commission.

I am a retired Foreign Service Officer (33 years of service) who served as U.S. Ambassador to Laos and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. Since 1996, I have been the Foreign Policy Advisor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, a Defense Department institution with which you have worked productively.

As a 19-year member of the Board of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC), I have worked closely with Jill Canfield since she became our Executive Director six years ago. Jill has done an outstanding job. She has been particularly successful administering the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership program, which PAAC implements in Hawaii. In addition to her PAAC work, Jill has worked in Beijing where she supervised Chinese and American teachers at four universities and coordinated programs for American college students. She worked for three years at the University of Denver's Center for China-U.S. Cooperation where she served as project manager and liaison for visiting scholars from many Chinese academic institutions. She has also been an Adjunct Professor teaching courses such as World Values and Culture in International Business and was also an ESL teacher. Jill is also a fellow member of the CIBER Advisory Board to the Shidler School of Business.

Her many years of work in the international affairs arena, her commitment through PAAC to international education in Hawaii's high schools and her deep commitment to our community make Jill Canfield an ideal candidate for membership on the Hawaii Sister State Committee. I support her candidacy without reservation and urge her confirmation.

With kind regards,

Aloha,  
  
CHARLES B. SALMON, JR.  
Ambassador (Ret)  
Foreign Policy Advisor

March 24, 2012

Senator J. Kalani English  
Chairman of the Transportation and International Affairs Committee  
Senatorial District 6  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Senator English,

I am writing to you as an inspired mentee and former student of Ms. Jill Takahashi Canfield who is nominated for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee at the Department of Business, Economic Development's Office of International Affairs. I had the pleasure and honor of working with Ms. Jill Canfield for many years through the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, an international education non-profit organization which expands understanding of international affairs to students in Hawai'i.

As an Executive Director of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, Ms. Jill Canfield had reached many students and opened their eyes and ears to international affairs. With her outstanding experience in international relations and deep knowledge in education, Ms. Jill Canfield developed students into international scholars and taught the importance of building global friendship. I am confident to say that her work and dedication has truly inspired me.

Ms. Jill Canfield values education, opportunities and partnership. She is dedicated to enhancing international relations between Hawai'i and the rest of the world. She is passionate and does her best to represent qualities and potentials of Hawai'i to global visitors.

Ms. Jill Canfield is also widely respected in the community not only for her dedication in expanding the global education, but also for serving as a supportive member of various organizations that serve our community and youth. Her community involvement includes serving on the CIBER Advisory Board, UH Shilder College of Business and hosting students from China, Japan, Indonesia, Nepal and Morocco over the last 20 years.

Her strong leadership, knowledge and diverse experience will be an excellent contribution to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee. I strongly support Ms. Jill Takahashi Canfield's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sun Young Kelly Park', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sun Young Kelly Park

7730 Kalohelani Place  
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March 25, 2012

The Honorable  
Senator J. Kalani English  
Chair, Transportation and International Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Ms. Jill Takasaki Canfield's Nomination to the Hawaii Sister State Committee

Dear Senator English:

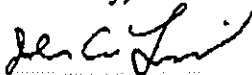
As someone who has spent nearly 40 years working in the foreign affairs field, including 30 years as a diplomat in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State, I was very pleased to learn that Jill Canfield has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to serve on the Hawaii Sister State Committee. I have known Jill both professionally and personally for more than six years, especially during her exceptional service to the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) as executive director, and no one could be better qualified to contribute to the work of strengthening Hawaii's international ties through the work of this committee.

The breadth of Jill Canfield's experience with cultural, educational, trade, energy and security-related international exchanges is impressive. In my career, I have had much experience with the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), and I have witnessed Jill's leadership in her work with this program. She has contributed greatly to the success of the Hawaii visits under the IVLP. Additionally, her work with this and the many other important programs of PAAC has deepened her familiarity with the private and government resources available in Hawaii.

Firsthand overseas experience is invaluable. I can attest to that having lived and worked in China, Taiwan and Japan. Here again Jill Canfield brings valuable knowledge and understanding that will greatly benefit the Sister State Committee. Of special note is her two years in China, where she worked with such key organizations as the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations.

I strongly and enthusiastically support Jill Canfield's nomination. She will bring knowledge, judgment and ideas that will greatly benefit the Hawaii Sister State Committee and the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

  
John E. Lundin

Monday, March 26, 2012

Sen. J Kalani English  
Chair, Transportation and International Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator English,

As former President and current Board Member of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, PAAC, I wish to support strongly the nomination of PAAC's Executive Director Jill Takasaki Canfield to serve on the Hawaii Sister State Committee.

Having worked with Jill for many years on the affairs of PAAC, I can truly testify that she would be an extremely valuable member of this committee based on her long experience both here in Hawaii and abroad.

Jill is a person of the highest integrity with remarkable people skills.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank Boas*

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