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March 4, 2013

To: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Jack Bennett, JD
Senior Environmental Program Manager
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Honolulu, HI

RE: Mr. Roger Brewer Nomination to State Advisory Committee on Pesticides, GM 506

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

I am pleased to learn that Mr. Roger Brewer, Ph.D. has been nominated to sit on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Pesticides. As a member of this committee, I understand that Mr. Brewer would provide technical support to state representatives who are considering bills to approve or ban specific pesticide use. I'm writing to urge his confirmation to this committee.

I have worked as an environmental engineer and regulatory compliance officer in Hawaii for the past 23 years. I have had the pleasure to work often and closely with Mr. Brewer for the past 5 years. Prior to this, I knew him as an acquaintance and through his outstanding reputation and regard within the local environmental consulting community.

Mr. Brewer is currently an Environmental Risk Assessor with the Office of Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER), Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH). In this role, Mr. Brewer provides technical and regulatory oversight and assistance related to issues of contamination on Kamehameha School lands. We consistently find his guidance to be helpful, accurate and fair. Within the business and consulting community, Mr. Brewer is known to provide guidance and recommendations that are based on rational balancing of regulatory requirements, health and safety concerns, best science and management practices, and business considerations in accordance with HDOH authority and its discretionary powers.



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While at HDOH, Mr. Brewer has taken a leadership role to update the HEER Technical Guidance Manual (TGM) which establishes the guiding framework and protocols for environmental investigation and cleanup work in Hawaii. This updated TGM is considered to be progressive and a vast improvement over earlier department guidance. It is frequently cited in mainland publications and by other state health departments. It is also appreciated that the HDOH routinely seeks and considers industry input in its updates of the TGM.

Mr. Brewer often provides environmental presentations and training to regulators, consultants, developers, business owners, and concerned community members. He does this effectively because he is able to explain complex concepts and technical issues in layman terms, garner input and develop consensus when needed.

He has also lead numerous environmental pilot studies that have resulted in improved investigation protocols that are faster, more accurate, and more cost effective for the industry. Several of these studies have assessed and addressed potential health risks posed by widespread arsenic, dioxin, and other pesticide chemicals on agricultural lands.

On a personal level, I know Mr. Brewer to be of high integrity and moral character. He is a conscience listener, open to suggestion, thoughtful in his words and responses, and easy to work with. He has also made lifestyle choices that attest to his commitment to a healthy environment and community.

The State Advisory Committee on Pesticides will be well served by Mr. Brewer's knowledge, experience, communication skills, business acumen, leadership abilities and commitment to serve our community. For these reasons, I encourage you to confirm his acceptance to the committee.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Bennett

Cc: Pi'ilani Hanohano, Kamehameha Schools Government Relations Committee (GRC)

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Via Email: AGLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Committee on Agriculture
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM506 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, gubernatorial nominee,
ROGER BREWER, for a term to expire 6-30-2015
Hearing: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Agriculture:

I write this letter in strong support of Roger Brewer for the Advisory
Committee on Pesticides.

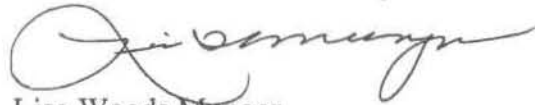
I have known and worked with Dr. Brewer for many years on many
projects in the course of representing many clients before the Department of Health. I am
sure that others will describe for you his significant achievements and the critical role that
he plays in preparing the guidance documents that are used by every environmental
professional in the State, from the early versions of the Risk-Based Corrective Action
guidance to the more recent Evaluation of Hazards at Sites with Contaminated Soil and
Groundwater. His knowledge of pesticides and their fate in soil and groundwater will be
a valuable resource for the Advisory Committee.

In addition to his strong technical expertise, it is has been my experience
with Dr. Brewer that he listens to others and works collaboratively to devise solutions
that work in the real world. He will be much more than a technical resource to the
Advisory Committee. I believe you will find Dr. Brewer's contributions to the
Committee will be invaluable.

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Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for this excellent nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Woods Munger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lisa Woods Munger

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RE: Roger Brewer's Nomination to the Pesticide Advisory Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Roger Brewer for over 10 years in Hawaii as the lead expert with in the Hazard Evaluation Emergency Response (HEER) Office for the State of Hawaii Department of Health.

Mr. Roger Brewer 's role as the author of the Technical Guidance Manual and state's lead expert of a sampling methodology has revolutionized how environmental consultants conduct environmental investigations in Hawaii. Because of the innovated approaches implemented by the HEER Office, environmental investigations are not only provide scientifically sound data to provide the correct answers but also streamlined the investigation process which prior to his involvement where at times cost prohibitive. Mr. Brewer is recognized as a national expert and the policies he has implemented within the State of Hawaii are being adopted by several States throughout the United States.

Mr. Brewer's service in various roles have allowed him to form strong relationships with many decision makers which include both State and Federal regulatory agencies both within the United States and internationally, PRP, and Consultants serving both private and state and federal agencies. He is highly respected among his peers not only for his leadership but his sincere desire for protecting the environment.

I strongly support Mr. Brewer's nomination to the Pesticide Advisory Committee based on his knowledge of environmental health and community, his demonstrated experience and leadership, and his willingness to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Terri-Ann Kaaihili-Choy
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Chemistry Department Manger
Environment, West Region, Pacific District (Honolulu Office)