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HADA Testimony in SUPPORT of GM517
Mr. William van den Hurk, Gubernatorial Nominee
For the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

for consideration and confirmation at the public hearing
before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2013
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee:

It is a privilege to support Mr. William (Bill) van den Hurk for consideration and confirmation to a position on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, as a Industry Member.

I've known Mr. van den Hurk for many years and respect his clear-headed judgment and civic-mindedness.

He currently serves on the Hawaii Automobile Dealer Association's board of directors and as president-elect is slated to chair the organization of new car dealers in 2014 and 2015.

Association members named Mr. van den Hurk the 2011 Hawaii State Dealer of the Year, and as such he was among a small number of 60 or so nominees nationwide who were nominated for the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award—out of the nation's 17,000 new car dealers.

Mr. van den Hurk, along with his wife Niki, have owned and operated dealerships in Hawaii since 1997—and now has dealership operations on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island.

A long-time supporter of the community through donations such as Aloha KIA's free car (use for a year) provided to the 2012 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year, he is best known for his long-time support of Friends for Life animal shelter in Waianae.

Our trade association appreciates auto dealers in the community who lend their expertise to help in the process of regulating the industry. We strongly support the confirmation of Mr. van den Hurk to an Industry Member position on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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