



LATE TESTIMONY

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April 10, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair,  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Nominee, Artemio Baxa (GM 766)  
Hawaii Civil Rights Commission

Wednesday, April 10, 2013  
10:00 a.m. Rm 016, State Capitol

Written Testimony of Dwight Takamine, Director,  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

It is my great pleasure that I testify in support of Mr. Artemio Baxa's  
nomination to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) for a term that  
ends on June 30, 2017.

The DLIR supports the confirmation of the nomination of the Artemio Baxa  
to the HCRC. Artemio Baxa is a retired Circuit Court Judge from Maui who  
worked as a deputy prosecutor on Maui both before and after he served  
on the bench. A law graduate and practicing attorney in the Philippines,  
Artemio Baxa immigrated in 1967 to join his father in Hawaii. He worked  
for several jobs on Maui, including work in several positions at Maui Economic  
Development Community, Inc. (MEO), before matriculating at the William S. Richardson  
School of Law at the University of Hawai'i, obtaining his J.D. degree in 1971.

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**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 766**  
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Honorable Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair  
 Honorable Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuru, Vice Chair  
 Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
 Sen. Mike Gabbard, Sen. Les Ihara, Jr.; Sen. Sam Slom

Jenny Quezon, President, United Filipino Council of Hawaii

Sen. Hee, Sen. Shimabukuru, Sen. Ihara, Sen. Gabbard, and Sen. Slom:

I am Jenny Quezon, president of United Filipino Council of Hawaii, an organization with member organizations from six islands. UFCH membership is currently 5,000 individual members.

UFCH strongly supports Governor Neil Abercrombie's nominee, Artemio Baxa, to the Civil Rights Commission. I have known retired judge Baxa for over 30 years. His experience on the Second Circuit Court makes him knowledgeable of the legal issues facing residents from the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai. He is trustworthy and brings a wealth of lessons learned from community service and advocacy to improve the lives of Filipinos in Hawaii in order to be good stewards to give more than take from the islands' residents, who have the privilege to make Hawaii their home.

Baxa is a critical and independent thinker, whose perspectives will add to the discussion in deliberating the cases and issues of the Civil Rights Commission.

Thank you for considering his contributions and for the opportunity to provide si