

GM 768 Testimony



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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
April 16, 2013

Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominees:

Sandi Kato-Klutke-GM 768

Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Kouchi and members of the Committee on Agriculture:

It is with great pride that I submit my support for confirmation of Sandi Kato-Klutke to serve as a director of the State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Ms. Kato-Klutke has been a leader in Hawaii's hotel industry since her early days as general manager at the Aston Kauai Beach Villas to her recent retirement from the Aston Islander-On-The-Beach. Her commitment to the industry has been demonstrated through her work with the University of Hawaii Workforce Development Advisory Board, the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, and the Contractors Association of Kauai.

Ms. Kato-Klutke's service to her community is most notably exemplified in her role as a Kauai County planning commissioner working to balance the physical environment and quality of life with the overall development of Kauai. Her ability to face challenges and review issues rationally will be an asset to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I ask for your favorable consideration for confirmation of Sandi Kato-Klutke to serve as a director with the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, 14th District
East and North Kauai

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JAMES J. NAKATANI
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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 768
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SANDI KATO-KLUTKE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support for the nomination of Sandi Kato-Klutke to the ADC board of directors. Sandi has a solid background in business and community relations. Sandi is the General Manager of Resort and Association of Apartment Owners (AOAO) for the Aston Islander on the Beach, Kapaa, Kauai. Sandi is responsible for planning, organizing and directing operations for both resort (198 condotel units) and AOAO.

Sandi is active in the community serving on the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association – State, Kauai Chamber of Commerce, Kauai Farm Bureau and County of Kauai, Planning Department Important Agriculture Lands – committee.

Sandi will bring to the ADC board valuable leadership, and business experience. She is an accomplished professional who will be a great asset to the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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APRIL 15, 2013

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

SUPPORTING TESTIMONY ON GM 768
RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDI KATO-KLUTKE TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2:45PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224
STATE CAPITOL
415 BERETANIA STREET

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha. I am Dean Okimoto, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,950 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF respectfully requests that you SUPPORT and CONFIRM GM 768 appointing Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

Sandi has a strong professional background and skill set that will serve the ADC well. She is retiring later this month from Aston Hotels and Resorts as the General Manager of Islander on the Beach one of Kauai's most beloved "old Hawaii" style hotel properties. Sandi is a former Kauai County Planning Commissioner and remains engaged on Important Ag Land (IAL) issues and process at the State and Local level.

Sandi is a strong supporter of local agriculture and is active with Kauai County Farm Bureau's Kauai Grown Program. She is value-added ag product vendor at local farmers markets and volunteers frequently at Farm Bureau events and functions. In addition, she represents the hotel, hospitality, and visitor industry on Kauai County's Ag

Commodities Committee and advocates more local procurement of locally produced food.

We humbly request that you SUPPORT and CONFIRM GM 768 appointing Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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Managing Director

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April 15, 2013

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members:

RE: GM 768 Relating to Sandi Kato-Klutke, Agribusiness Development Corporation

I am submitting testimony in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Sandi Kato-Klutke to serve on the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Ms. Kato-Klutke provides an extensive background in business as she has been employed as General Manager of various resorts and condominiums over the years. She is also a dedicated public servant who has served the people of Kaua'i as a County Planning Commission and is well respected by her peers.

In addition, Ms. Kato-Klutke has played a leadership role on various other boards such as the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association – Kaua'i Chapter and the Kaua'i Business Council. As an active member in the hospitality industry, Ms. Kato-Klutke has held numerous positions in the Hawai'i Hotel Association and is currently its Membership Chair.

Ms. Kato-Klutke possesses the ability to serve as Kaua'i's representative on the State Agribusiness Development Corporation and therefore, I fully support her confirmation.

I humbly request your favorable approval on the confirmation of Sandi Kato-Klutke as Kaua'i's representative to the State Agribusiness Corporation.

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ornellas	Kauai County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee: Aloha. I am Jerry Ornellas, President of Kauai County Farm Bureau (KCFB). Organized since 1968, the KCFB is comprised of nearly 400 farm family members island wide, and serves as Kauai's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community. KCFB respectfully requests that you SUPPORT and CONFIRM GM 768 appointing Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). Sandi has a strong professional background and skill set that will serve the ADC well. She is retiring later this month from Aston Hotels and Resorts as the General Manager of Islander on the Beach one of Kauai's most beloved "old Hawaii" style hotel properties. Sandi is a former Kauai County Planning Commissioner and remains engaged on Important Ag Land (IAL) issues and process at the State and Local level. Sandi is a strong supporter of local agriculture. She is value-added ag product vendor at local farmers markets and volunteers frequently at Farm Bureau events and functions. In addition, she represents the hotel, hospitality, and visitor industry on Kauai County's Ag Commodities Committee and advocates for more local procurement of locally produced food. We humbly request that you SUPPORT and CONFIRM GM 768 appointing Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.

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Committee on Agriculture
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96183

April 12, 2013

RE: GM 768

Dear Senator Nishihara and Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). I have known Ms. Kato-Klutke for more than 10 years and have worked with her on a variety of community efforts, including on the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and on the Kaua'i Visitor Industry Charity Walk Committee.

Ms. Kato-Klutke is an active, well-respected business and community leader. She is a sound choice to the ADC as she will bring her knowledge and experience from her service on the County of Kaua'i Planning Commission, County of Kaua'i Important Agricultural Lands Committee, and The Kaua'i County Farm Bureau. Additionally she is a seasoned professional in Hawai'i's visitor industry and has been active in Hawai'i Hotel and Lodging Association Kaua'i Chapter and the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce. Her career experience and volunteer efforts combine to result in a well-rounded advisor for the ADC. Ms. Kato-Klutke conducts her business with integrity and passion. Most importantly, she is dedicated to ensuring a positive future for Hawai'i.

I urge you to confirm Ms. Kato-Klutke's nomination to the ADC. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joy Miura Koerte, Partner
Fujita & Miura Public Relations, Inc.

Your public is waiting.





**HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM
ASSOCIATION**

April 15, 2013

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara,

It is my pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of Sandi Kato-Klutke being selected as a candidate to sit on the Board of Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As you already know from her previous resume, Sandi is no newcomer when it comes to her passion and experience in the field of agriculture, farming, and water systems of Hawaii. Sandi is an advocate for farmers, having been a member of the Kauai Farm Bureau-Commodities Committee which works on legislative priorities both on Kauai and statewide, has been active in support to help the people in agriculture-tropical fruit growers, coffee and cacao growers, cattle ranchers, landscape and nursery owners, and most important Taro Farmers. Sandi has also served on the County of Kauai IAL committee allowing her to learn more about the water systems, large land owners, open lands for agriculture and how they could best benefit the needs of the people of Kauai. Sandi has been an active and participating member of the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association having served as our Kauai Chair and on our Executive Board. Her experience as the General Manager of various resorts since 1985, and her experiences as a manager responsible for budgets, guest, owners and employees give her the experience and skill set's to be an active participating member of ADC.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of Sandi Kato-Klutke and her consideration to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mahalo,

George D. Szigeti
President & CEO



TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2013

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Conference Room 224

2:45 p.m.

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR,
RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

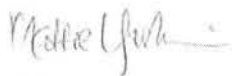
GM No. 768 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **SANDI KATO-KLUTKE**, for a term to expire 6/30/2017.

On behalf of the Kaua'i Economic Development Board, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit community based organization, I am pleased to offer testimony in strong support of the nomination of **SANDI KATO-KLUTKE** to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I have the privilege and pleasure of working with Ms. Kato-Klutke on a number of agriculture related initiatives on Kaua'i, including the County of Kaua'i's Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committee. Her passion and desire to make agriculture a strong, viable and sustainable economic industry for the Island is enormous. She is a proven leader and skilled in consensus building. I am very confident that she will be strong contributor as a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

Sincerely yours,



Mattie Yoshioka
President & CEO



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TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR

RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE CHAIR

AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

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On behalf of No Ka Oi Landscape Services, a family owned landscaping business on the island of Kauai, I am pleased to offer testimony in support of the nomination of Sandi Kato-Klutke to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

In the last 13 years I have had the opportunity to work with Sandi Kato-Klutke on a number of different projects and a number of different capacities. In all instances of her service I find her to be professional fair and dedicated. I served with her on the planning commission, I have also worked with her in the hotel industry, and she also volunteers her time at our salt making Hui in Hanapepe. Sandi strongly believes and is deeply committed to a sustainable future for the island of Kauai. She is an excellent candidate for the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Sincerely yours,

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Abby Santos
CEO

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TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR

RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE CHAIR

AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

GM No. 768 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, SANDI KATO-KLUTKE, for a term to expire 6/30/2017.

On behalf of Garden Island Growers, and Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Kauai Chapter, we are pleased to offer testimony in support of Sandi Kato-Klutke to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

We have had the privilege of working with Sandi Kato-Klutke in the Hotel Industry as well as in the farming community. Sandi has a tremendous amount of passion for the causes she champions and we are fortunate that her interests lie in making Kauai farming a sustainable and viable economic industry on Kauai. We offer our strong support of Sandi as we are confident that she is a fine choice as a contributing member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Cordially,



Sara Sloan
Garden Island Growers



Scott Sloan
President of the Tropical Fruit Growers Association of Hawaii, Kauai Chapter
Garden Island Growers

Coconut Coast Property Services, Inc.

April 15, 2013

To the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

Aloha and thank you for receiving our testimony regarding the confirmation of Sandi Kato-Klutke GM768 to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

We are a full service Landscaping Contractor, and an exhibitor at the County Farm Fair with the Kaua'i Bonsai Club. We lease Grove Farm lands to cultivate plants and grasses for our wholesale nursery, and have worked with Sandi in several capacities.

We have had the special privilege of working with her through the Contractor's Association of Kaua'i, the Kaua'i County Farm Bureau, and the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce. We also have been owners of a vacation rental unit at the Islander on the Beach property where she has served as General Manager for the past several years.

Sandi works tirelessly within the community to promote Agriculture and Farming, and is always and advocate for local businesses and contractors as well. Wherever she goes, she is a great addition to the team, extending her knowledge with warm aloha. We endorse her whole heartedly.

Mahalo for your time,

William and Alana Buddingh
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Lupkes	BASF Plant Science	Support	No

Comments: As a member of the agribusiness community and a member of the Kauai Farm Bureau I have had many opportunities to work with Sandy. She is a tireless advocate for agriculture and I support her appointment to the ADC board.

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April 11, 2013

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Committee on Agriculture

27th Legislature

SUBJECT: GM 768 Sandi Kato-Klutke

Aloha Senator Nishihara,

I am writing to you about Ms. Sandi Kato-Klutke. I strongly urge you to vote for Ms. Kato-Klutke's appointment to serve on the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Board of Directors.

Sandi comes from humble roots, growing up on a family farm in Moloa`a, Kaua`i, helping her form a deep respect and passion for the role of farmers in Hawai`i.

Her six years on the Kauai Planning Commission provided her an opportunity to apply her early farm experience to her acquired knowledge of land use planning and management tools in order to benefit agriculture. She also served on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Kaua`i County Planning Department's year and a half effort to craft an Important Agricultural Lands plan.

Her long experience in visitor industry management complements her interest in and fondness for agriculture by providing a unique perspective on a growing and important component of modern Hawaiian agriculture - agricultural tourism, which is assuming a larger role in sustaining small family farms. She shares her knowledge with small farmers seeking to introduce value-added products and in navigating the planning and health requirement regimens for things like certified kitchens.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

/s/Laurie K. Ho

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Cc: Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair, Committee on Agriculture

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Pavao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corp. Mahalo.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
Hawaii State Capital
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
Vice Chair

Dear Honorable Senators Nishihara and Kouchi:

It is with pleasure that I ask for your support of the Governor's nomination of Sandi Kato-Klutke to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Sandi brings a vast background and involvement in Agribusiness. Much of her knowledge comes from serving on the Kaua'i Planning Commission, Hawaii Hotel and Tourism Industry, and currently on the Board of the Farm Bureau Association. She is passionate about preserving Ag land and is very vocal on all issues relating to Agriculture, and the importance of promoting Agribusiness as it relates to sustainability for the citizens of our State!

Sandi has received many acknowledgements for her volunteerism in our community. Her willingness to continue serving is admirable. The ADC and State will truly benefit from her honesty and candor.

Sincerely,

Bernadette H. Sakoda

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Maryanne Kusaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sandi is well experienced with the farm community here on Kauai a long time member of the Kauai Farm Bureau, participates in the Farmer's Markets, can work well with others from all walks of life and has served on the Kauai Planning Commission for over 6 years. She is familiar with land use laws. I wholeheartedly support her appointment.

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Joshua Nations	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sandi would be a great addition to the ADC. She is very supportive of local agriculture here on Kauai. Joshua Nations, Kapahi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Phillipson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Sandi for the last five years. She is a person of the highest integrity and honor. She is intelligent, earnest, and hard working. She knows and understands Hawaii Agriculture and has the vision and drive to make the ADC the very best for Hawaii's needs. I strongly support Sandi Kato-Klutke for this position.

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Ignacio Neumiller	Individual	Support	No

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Scott McFarland	Individual	Support	Yes

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Cindy Goldstein, Ph. D
Aiea, Hawaii

April 15, 2013

GM 768: Relating to Board of Directors, Agribusiness Dev Corp
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Tuesday April 16, 2013
Conference Room 224 at 2:45 pm

Position: Support appointment of Sandi Kato-Klutke to Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

I support the nomination of Sandi Kato-Klutke to the Board of Directors for ADC as noted in the Governor's Message 768. This nominee is well suited to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Ms Kato-Klutke understands the needs of farmers and the agriculture sector, and has the type of experience and depth of knowledge that provides a broad background that will allow her to be a valuable contributor as a board member.

Sandi Kato-Klutke has served on the Kauai County IAL committee which provides the type of experience in land use planning and understanding of the range of viewpoints of citizens in discussions of agricultural land use that prepare a board member well for matters taken up by the ADC. Ms Kato-Klutke's participation with the Kauai County IAL process and past ag experience with Kauai Farm Bureau provides significant background understanding of Hawaii's water systems, and the primary need for reliable water availability for agriculture to thrive.

As an ADC board member Sandi will bring her knowledge of business and property management, as well as firsthand experience as the owner of a business that promotes value added agriculture products and promotion of locally grown Hawaii agriculture products. Sandi has been actively engaged with the Kauai Grown campaign, interacting with farmers and supporting their needs as ag producers. Having this type of direct contact and connection with farmers allows Ms. Kato-Klutke to bring the practical needs of the agriculture community into the discussions and projects the ADC board will consider. Her knowledge of agriculture business, land use, water needs, and local farming extend well beyond Kauai County, with an understanding of statewide agriculture.

I believe Sandi Kato-Klutke will make many positive contributions as a member of the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation and urge the Senate Agriculture Committee to approve this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments: Aloha, Please accept my testimony in support of Sandi Kato Klutke for the position on the AgriBusiness Development Corporation. I have had the privilege of being a colleague of Sandi's here at Aston Hotels for over ten years, as well as being apart of organizations she held the position of Chair on Kauai, in particular, Chamber of Commerce and Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association. She has the respect of leaders on the Garden Island simply because of her "strong" commitment to achieving steadfast goals to better the organization, and her spirit of Aloha for this place she calls home. I respect her dedication and service excellence qualities that I know she will bring with her to enhance the growth of AGribusiness in Hawaii. Sandi has a passion for agriculture both personally as well as in her professional career. I am humbly asking for your kind consideration for her nomination, as she is a most well deserved candidate of this position for the State of Hawaii. Stephanie Iona

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Committee on Agriculture

27th Legislature

SUBJECT: GM 768 Sandi Kato-Klutke

Aloha Senator Nishihara,

We are writing to you about Ms. Sandi Kato-Klutke. We strongly urge you to vote for Ms. Kato-Klutke's appointment to serve on the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Board of Directors.

We have farmed in Moloa'a, Kauai since 1998. Our main crops are coffee, cacao, bananas, citrus, and ulu which we sell at the Kaua'i Farm Bureau sponsored farmers markets at Kaua'i Community College and Kukui'ula Market. Sandi is a tireless advocate for the farmer and has been at the markets talking to vendors and listening to hear their concerns.

We also participate in the Kaua'i Grown program and have worked with Sandi in promoting this program at the annual Kaua'i County Fair over the 3 day weekend event.

Recently Sandi worked with Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce and Department of Health Sanitation Department to promote a Food Safety Workshop to increase awareness about upcoming changes on the state level in regards to fees and inspection program.

With Sandi's knowledge and background in agriculture, business, tourism, we believe that she is the our agricultural advocate and she should be appointed.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit our testimony.

Sincerely,

/s/John H. McClure
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cc: Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair, Committee on Agriculture