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REGULAR SESSION OF 2013 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ATTORNEY ABELINA SHAW

For consideration and confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nominee, ABELINA
SHAW, Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Crime Victim
Compensation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ABELINA
SHAW, Attorney-at-Law, for a term to expire 6-30-2017

To Honorable:

Senator Will Espero, Chair ,

Senator Rosalyn (Roz) Baker, Vice Chair;

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Senator Josh Green and Senator Sam Slom, Committee Members

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Good Afternoon and Aloha!

My name is Nancy Atmospera-Walch, principal owner, President & Chief Executive Officer of ADVANTAGE Health Care Provider, Inc. is a local company providing health care services and support to the Special Population - the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled (I/DD) individuals in need of "Home & Community Based Health Care Services" on the Islands of Oahu, Maui and Kauai and a strong supporter of Attorney Abelina (Abby) Shaw.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Attorney Shaw who was nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, because I could not find a more dedicated, compassionate and qualified candidate than Attorney Shaw.



I know Attorney Shaw personally and I have worked with her professionally, and I can speak with confidence that her attributes of fairness, integrity, honesty, empathy, collaboration and sincerity are just few of the benefits that she is bringing with her, if she is confirmed.

Attorney Shaw has a wealth of experience in working in numerous Leadership Positions such as the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Mayor, requiring working together with people of all walks of life, to make fair assessments guided by her passion of making Hawaii a better and safer place for all.

Attorney Shaw has been an advocate for social justice and many of the health care issues affecting us are social justice issues and her experience as an attorney, combined with her many years of work as an advocate in public policies affecting the minorities would certainly benefit the other members of the commission, for they will definitely dealing with these issues, considering how culturally diverse our population in the State of Hawaii truly is. Attorney Shaw's interpersonal skills and emphasis on win-win benefits of all parties have resulted in successful outcomes in many of her endeavors.

In summary, Attorney Shaw's willingness to share her time, knowledge and experience, which is so rich and vast, coupled with her genuine desire to make the Hawaii a better place, makes her a perfect Nominee for the Crime Victims Compensation Commission. I humbly ask all of you to please confirm Attorney Abby Shaw's nomination to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, for I believe that she will do a fantastic job as a Member of the Crime Victim Commission. **If you are a parent, or know of someone who has family member who has become a Crime Victim, say "YES" to ATTORNEY SHAW's nomination, and I can assure you that at the end of her term, you will be saying, "I am glad I confirmed her."**

Thank you for hearing this measure and for the opportunity to support my friend Attorney Abby Shaw's confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Atmospera-Walch", written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Atmospera-Walch, RN, BSN, MPH, LNHA, MCHES, CCHN, CMC

LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 772

Consideration and Confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ABELINA SHAW, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

April 11, 2013, 2:45pm

Hawai'i State Legislature

Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 224

To: Honorable Sen. Wil Espero, Chair
Honorable Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair
Honorable Senate Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee
Members: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Sen. Josh Green, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Agnes Malate, MEd, Filipinos for Affirmative Action
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My name is Agnes Malate and I'm a member of the Filipinos for Affirmative Action. I strongly support Abelina Madrid Shaw's nomination to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. Her broad spectrum of experiences in various government positions, legal system, nonprofit organizations, and grassroots efforts puts her in a prime position to make the tough decisions about compensation to alleviate the physical, mental and financial hardships suffered by victims of violent crime.

As an immigration attorney, Ms. Shaw has intimate knowledge of the legal justice system. She has worked with clients who can at times be in vulnerable positions and is sensitive to others in similar positions. While monetary compensation will not necessarily make a victim of a violent crime or a good samaritan whole, it is an important step in addressing an injury or loss suffered. Ms. Shaw brings to the table her ability to weigh the competing interests of the state or organizations against the individual, and how to achieve a fair remedy. In fact, I got to know her through our work with Filipino Veterans who were advocating to be recognized for their efforts fighting alongside the United States in WWII and benefits that were denied to them, as well as immigration policies that would facilitate the reunification with their families.

Growing up in a plantation community on Kauai, Ms. Shaw, went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in education and subsequently received her graduate degrees in communications and law. Her journey is a testament to her endurance, resilience, and intelligence. She has had to be tough, but underneath the exterior is one who has extended herself to those who have needed her help from all walks of life.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony, and I hope you will give Abelina Madrid Shaw nomination your full consideration.

LATE TESTIMONY

April 11, 2013

TO: Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs

FROM: Wilfredo Tungol, Esq.

RE: G.M. 772 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Abelina M. Shaw to the
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Hearing: Thursday, April 11; 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 22, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Espero and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in SUPPORT of Ms. Abelina M. Shaw's confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

I have known Ms. Shaw for over thirty years, beginning as my instructor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and later as a fellow attorney-colleague. Abby, as she is affectionately known to those who know her well, is a respected attorney, community leader, and public servant. She has served the public in various capacities, including as Deputy Attorney General, Deputy Director of Health, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Supreme Court supervising attorney, First Deputy Corporation Counsel and Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu. She is currently in private practice and yet find the time to remain involved in our community.

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission is an important agency that comes to the aid of crime victims, particularly those who are burdened by economic hardships as a result of being a crime victim. Abby's addition to the Commission that governs how crime victims are compensated or redressed will ensure that we have a member who has extensive experience in both the law and the administration of justice.

In summary, Ms. Shaw's professional, community and administrative background will serve as a valuable asset to the Commission if she is confirmed as a member. I respectfully ask that the Committee act favorably by recommending her confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.