March 7, 2014

Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro Chair, Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

Subject: GM 512, Nomination of Doreen Pua Gomes to the Hawaiian Homes Commission

This letter is submitted in support of the nomination of Doreen Pua Gomes to Hawaiian Homes Commission. I have known Ms. Gomes for several years and feel she is an excellent choice to serve on the Commission. Ms. Gomes is an advocate for native Hawaiians, and in particular, beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands.

Ms. Gomes is a dedicated individual and will serve the Commission well. She is very active in the Maui community, and truly cares about Maui County.

May I request your favorable consideration in recommending confirmation of Ms. Gomes to Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Hiraga