



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 607

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Disability and Communication Access Board
Gubernatorial Nominee Lucy Miller, Ph.D.

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is pleased to support the reappointment of Lucy Miler, Ph.D. to our Board.

Dr. Miller has been an extremely valuable member of the Board, with dual roles, appointed to fill a consumer slot representing the deaf and hard of hearing community, an American Sign Language user, as well as representing the County of Kauai. Dr. Miller is also a handler of a service animal and is able to provide insight in to the needs of service dog handlers to our Board. Finally, Dr. Miller has been an active family therapist on the Island of Kauai and brings another layer of expertise as a professional serving the community. Her many perspectives are a rare asset in our community.

Dr. Miller has served in many capacities on the DCAB Board, as well as serving on its predecessor agency, the Hawaii State Coordinating Council on Deafness. Dr. Miller was the immediate past Vice Chair of the Board. She is currently an active member of the Standing Committee on Communication Access and served as its Chair for several years. She has also served as a member of the Board's Executive Committee. In addition to supporting the DCAB Hawaii Quality Assurance System program to credential sign language interpreters, Dr. Miller has been extremely interested in the broader aspects of the Federal Communications Commission rules governing access to the Internet as well as captioning of videos.

We strongly support Dr. Miller's nomination to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Josh Green, Chair
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Dear Honorable Chair Green and members of the Health Committee:

Thank you for your consideration in confirming my nomination to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) under the Department of Health. I previously represented Kauai as a consumer and a professional, and am familiar with its issues and objectives. It is my understanding that DCAB currently has no other representation from Kauai, and inadequate representation of the deaf and hard of hearing community.

My qualifications fit several categories as required in their bylaws: that of a consumer with a disability as well as a mental health professional and educator in the field of deafness, in addition to representing the neighbor island of Kauai. I also serve on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Equal Access, Kauai County.

If confirmed to serve on DCAB, I will work diligently with the staff and the other board and committee members in ensuring the quality and availability of communication access services in the state of Hawaii in compliance with federal guidelines. Such services, due to the changing needs of the population and the rapidly changing technology options, require ongoing monitoring and updating. The neighbor islands, in particular, have the greatest potential to benefit from remote captioning and interpreting services that are only now becoming available as well as cost-effective. It is my hope that we can pursue these exciting new avenues for better communication access. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dr. Lucy Miller