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April 9, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 670 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Barbara Ioli

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 670** to confirm the nomination of Barbara Ioli for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Ioli's appointment would fulfill the Federal law requirement of having parents represented on the Council. She was first appointed to the Council in 2010. She is a mother, grandmother, and caregiver for her son and grandson with special needs. She is an active member of the Leeward Community Children's Council, Special Education Advisory Council, Special Olympics Hawaii, Hawaii Association of Parents of the Visually Impaired, and Hawaii Down's Syndrome Congress. Her advocacy in the

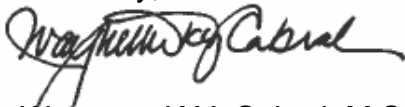
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community has benefited other families, and she was recognized as Parent of the Year in 2008 by the Special Parent Information Network at their annual Conference.

Ms. Ioli serves as the Co-Chair for the Council's Education Committee that addresses the goal that "Students with developmental disabilities have quality education outcomes, including vocational and life skills training." Her involvement with the various organizations mentioned has assisted the Council in its efforts to establish collaborative partnerships in the community to enhance the quality of life for persons with DD. Her experience as a mother, grandmother, and caregiver has contributed to the Council's activities to improve the educational system and increase support services to families.

We look forward to Ms. Ioli's second term on the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 670** to confirm Barbara Ioli to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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Comments: Chair, Josh Green, Senate HTH Committee V. Chair, Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker Right Honorable Senate Health Committee Members We thank the Committee for holding this hearing for these very important Council where a voice of compassion, passio, and conviction is critical if we are to address the need of the Developmentally Disabled in a more timely manner. We thank all of these nominees for stepping up to the plate to be counted. Mahalo nui loa, Arvid Tadao Younquist Spoksmen, Founder, & Admiistrator (est. 1982)

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