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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON:  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ATTN: CHAIR GLENN WAKAI & VICE-CHAIR SAM SLOM**

**Testimony in Strong Support of GM 529:  
Supporting the Confirmation of N. MAHINA TUTEUR  
To the Environmental Council**

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**March 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 414**

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

**I am testifying in strong support of GM 529, and urge you to confirm MAHINA TUTEUR to the Environmental Council.** Mahina has the legal and cultural training, work ethic, and temperament to make tremendous contributions to this Council, which plays a critical role in protecting Hawai'i's natural and cultural treasures through the implementation of Hawai'i Revised Statutes chapter 343 in particular.

For the last five years, I have had the privilege of working closely with Mahina in various capacities, from her enrollment in my classes at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's William S. Richardson School of Law ("Law School"), to her work as my research assistant, and now her current role as a Post-Juris Doctor Fellow at the Law School's Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. I can say without reservation that Mahina is one of the best and brightest that the Law School has to offer, at least since I joined the faculty in 2007. Mahina's confirmation would significantly benefit both the Council and the resources it seeks to protect.

Mahina graduated at the very top of her Law School class. But, more relevant to her nomination, she sought out the work and other experience necessary to thoroughly ground her in the range of issues facing Hawai'i's fragile environment. Mahina understands the scientific, cultural, and legal regimes regarding Hawai'i's Environmental Impact Statement Law, climate change, water, energy issues, administrative law, Native Hawaiian rights, and so much more. She has direct experience working with and providing assistance to a range of affected interests, including big business, government agencies, and community groups. Moreover, her time spent with environmental stakeholders, advocates, and decisionmakers, offers a unique and valuable perspective for this Council. Finally, her extensive work relating to the public trust and the mandates that it imposes on both decisionmakers and applicants will help to improve the Council's actions.

I believe that Mahina's legal training and work experience provide the perfect combination of skills to enable her to serve successfully on the Environmental Council. And, by doing so, she will help the Council to better mālama the things that make Hawai'i truly special. Please vote to confirm her.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss Mahina's outstanding qualifications in greater detail. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Sproat', written in a cursive style.

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Everett Ohta	Individual	Support	No

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March 1, 2016

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Aloha e Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair Sam Slom, and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology Committee Members,

My name is Shaelene Kamaka'ala and I would like to thank the committee the opportunity to provide **comments in support of GM 529**, "Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, N. Mahina Tuteur, for a term to expire 06-30-2018."

As a recent 2014 law graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, I had the privilege of going through law school, and now our early career, alongside Ms. Tuteur. Her resume speaks for itself as **she is very hard working and strives for excellence**. I believe Ms. Tuteur is an ideal candidate to serve on the Environmental Council well as **she is well trained in laws and process and understands her kuleana to uphold the State's obligations to protect our Public Trust resources**.

**Mahalo for your time and consideration in supporting Ms. Tuteur for her nomination to serve on the Environmental Council.**

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Shaelene Kamaka'ala

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Jocelyn Doane	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Wakai and Committee members— My name is Jocelyn Doane and I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Mahina Tuteur to the Environmental Council (GM 529). In both my personal and professional capacities, I have reviewed and benefitted from Ms. Tuteur’s work while a law student and then a Post- J.D. Research Fellow at Ka Huli Ao. Her work product is of high quality and she clearly has the ability to organize large quantities of information, coordinate the tasks of others, and communicate her analysis in a clear and coherent way. Her professional skillset has no doubt developed through her impressive work experience at state appellate and federal courts, as well as community support organizations, which demonstrate her commitment to Native Hawaiians, and the public. Mahina is also a pleasure to work with, taking the time to explain and support her analysis while welcoming feedback. The Environmental Council would benefit greatly from her appointment. Mahalo nui for your time, we hope you will SUPPORT of Mahina Tuteur’s confirmation.

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