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Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Economic Development, Environment & Technology Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
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RE: GM 531 Support Ron Terry's Appointment to the Environmental Council

Dear Chair Wakai and members of the Economic Development, Environment & Technology Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for Ron Terry's appointment to the Environmental Council.

Ron has been a tireless advocate for the environment and preservation of our native cultural resources. I have had the pleasure of working with him on various community projects and have been impressed with both the breadth and depth of his knowledge of the environment. He has a rare combination of intellect combined with common sense. Ron's appreciation for OUR COMMUNITY is known and respected by all sides of the issues on which he has worked.

Ron has also shown his care for the community by giving generously of his time and knowledge. His work on the Hilo Trails Project comes to mind as an issue on which he has led our community for the benefit of all. Once completed, the walking trails should be a real improvement to our community by providing walkways from the downtown Hilo lighthouse, through the downtown Hilo soccer fields, around Liliuokalani Gardens and, finally, to the Harbor in Keaukaha.

Hawaii is a special place thanks to volunteers and citizens like Ron who give generously of their time. Please confirmed his to serve on the Environmental Council immediately.

Very truly yours,



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