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31 March 2016

Senator Roz Baker
ATTN: Haley Saba, Legislative Aide
Hawaii State Senate Office
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Letter of Support for Ken Ota for EASLA Licensing Board

Honorable Senator Baker and Members of the Committee,

I am honored to provide you with this letter of support for Ken Ota to be appointed to the EASLA Licensing Board. I am very fortunate to have known Ken personally for over 30 years and have worked with him in our industry for over 20. Throughout, Ken continues to be a hardworking, trustworthy, and dedicated community leader.

I have no doubt that Ken will be a valuable asset to the Board, as he was in his prior appointment to this Board, and I give him my highest recommendation for his appointment.

If I can provide any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric M. Matsuda".

Eric M. Matsuda
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Vice-President, Maui Operations