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April 15, 2016

Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominees:

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**Arti Michelle Clark – GM 725**

#### Natural Area Reserves System Commission

Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee, Arti Michelle Clark, as a member of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission. The native ecosystem of Kauai is extremely important but due to its delicacy, it needs to be addressed in a careful and appropriate manner; and the same consideration needs to be taken throughout all of Hawaii.

Ms. Clark has dedicated many years to preserve native plants, animals and invertebrates on Kauai. She has collaborated with landowners, organizations and the State of Hawaii to implement conservation projects to revitalize threatened ecosystems and species. Ms. Clark is also an active participant in reducing animals, such as the mongoose, which threatens the reproduction of endangered species, and for these efforts she was awarded the Kauai County MVP 2015 by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council and the Hawaii State Legislature.

Over the years, Ms. Clark has secured funding for numerous conservation and breeding projects, including two endangered birds found only in Kauai, the Akikiki and the Akekee. She has also designed and implemented numerous other projects to protect endangered species, the landscape, and also a primary source of freshwater for the island of Kauai.

Thank you for your time and consideration to confirm Arti Michelle Clark to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

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