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Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Time: 1:30 PM

Place: Conference Room 224

To: Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair

Re: Support of GM 749: Board of Regents of The University of Hawai'i

I am Kristine Jan Espinoza and I am a two-time alumnus of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I write in strong support of the confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, Michelle Tagorda.

As the former Graduate Student Legislative Fellow at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the 2014-2015 academic year, I had the good fortune of working with Regent Tagorda in identifying and acting on proposed legislation pertinent to Mānoa students. Regent Tagorda consistently showcases utmost professionalism, tact, and curiosity as the student regent. As the current student regent, Regent Tagorda's experience in understanding operations of the System and its campuses equip her to continue thinking and voting thoughtfully for the betterment of the System. Undoubtedly, coupled with her personal and leadership experiences both at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the University of Hawai'i System, these characteristics set her apart in the lineage of student regents and will continue to do so on the Board.

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this testimony of strong support for Regent Tagorda's confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,  
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In strong **SUPPORT** of Michelle Tagorda, **GM 749**

As the 2014-2015 Chair of the University of Hawaii Student Caucus (UHSC), I had the privilege of interacting with Michelle on a regular basis in respect to student concerns. As our current UH Student Regent member, Michelle has showing a professional approach, positive attitude, and strength in dealing with all issues I have seen her tackle. She advocates for all UH students proudly and diligently. She is an amazing asset to the Board of Regents, and brings with her an insight from the student perspective that is valuable and unique to this Board.

I strongly support Michelle in her nomination for the 5 year City and County of Honolulu Board member position, and know she will do amazing things for the governing of our University as her term goes forward.

Mahalo,

Sara E. Perry

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2015 University of Hawaii – West Oahu, Graduate

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