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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 9:30am

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street.

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ciara Kahahane to the State Council on Mental Health.

As a member of the NAMI on Campus student chapter at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, of which Ms. Kahahane is a founder, I am familiar with her dedication to serving those with mental health needs. She has committed herself to educating others, especially students, about the serious nature of mental health issues, and about what options and strategies are available for supporting friends, family, or oneself.

She is personally invested in advocating for accessible and timely care for those in need of mental health treatment, because she has sought out such services and experienced for herself how difficult it can be to find support.

Ms. Kahahane believes that more education regarding mental health issues in schools, as well as more funding for mental health programs that serve students, will allow more young people to recover from mental illness.

Therefore, I urge the committee to support the nomination of Ciara Kahahane to the State Council on Mental Health.

Mahalo,

Wyatt Bartlett