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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 853**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **GARY MIYASHIRO**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 853, nominating Mr. Gary Miyashiro for membership on the State Board of Public Accountancy for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Mr. Miyashiro has been a licensed certified public accountant ("CPA") in the State since 1994, and his license continues to be current, active, and in good standing. As a long-time resident of Honolulu, Mr. Miyashiro has held key positions as both a CPA and

fiscal officer for different Hawaii companies since the 1990s. This experience gives him a solid understanding of the accountancy industry in the State and will allow him to contribute to the Board's work.

Further, Mr. Miyashiro is aware of the time and preparation requirements of Board service and he continues to be interested in appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Gary Miyashiro's nomination to the State Board of Public Accountancy.

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

Being in this profession for the last 26 years and observing various changes through the years I believe I can provide input from a practical perspective.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

Our role will be to oversee the licensing and regulation of the profession and compliance with the rules and regulations over practitioners.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

Ensure that individuals and businesses are adhering to the policies and procedures implemented are being followed.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have been practicing in accounting industry for over 25 years and have worked in both public and private sectors. After working in the industry serving the general public I have a good understanding of what services are needed and how our profession can deliver those services.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to ensure there is a process in place where we can maintain the integrity of the profession.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

- Experienced – over 25 years in the profession in both public and private sectors as well as large and smaller organizations in both sectors. This will allow me to provide input from these varied experiences.

- Rational – I am always willing to view issues from different perspectives
- Analytical – can make decisions by analyzing the information provided and give pertinent input when needed.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

Having my own firm and practicing in the profession gives me a good perspective of how the Board directly affects the profession. It will be beneficial because as a board member, I can be empathetic to other members of the profession.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I don't foresee any conflicts of interest