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**LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

**GM557**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOAKIM PETER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019.

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

March 28, 2017

9:30 A.M.

Capitol Room 016

Aloha Mai e Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

HealthyPacific.Org **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM557**, which seeks confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Joakim "Jojo" Peter to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Mr. Peter is known far and wide for his decades of work advocating for the civil and human rights of those who must often face systemic and sometimes blatant discrimination in our society. He has written abundantly on a range of issues relating to civil rights and the human and social impacts of discrimination, including in Hawai'i, and has a long history of community work that greatly informs his insight into the difficulties of meaningfully ensuring equal protection and fair treatment for all. Mr. Peter has also worked specifically on a range of federal and state administrative law issues, including most recently on the facilitation of state programs intended to implement the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, and has demonstrated great acumen in understanding and helping our linguistically and culturally diverse community members navigate complex regulatory requirements under state law.

Mr. Peter's lifetime of experiences, education, and extensive community involvement, as well as his thoughtfulness and demonstrated commitment to meaningful equality for all, makes him an ideal choice to carry out the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission's important kuleana to uphold our anti-discrimination and equal protection laws.

Accordingly, HealthyPacific.Org urges your Committee to vote to **CONFIRM** Mr. Peter's nomination to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

March 27, 2017

SENATE  
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**Testimony in Support of GM 557**

Consideration and confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr

**JOAKIM PETER**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 9:30 A.M.

Conference Room 016

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads, and Members of the Committee

I am Sheldon Riklon, MD., Chair of the Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition and I fully SUPPORT the nomination of Mr. Joakim "Jojo" Peter to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. For many years, Mr. Peter has worked tirelessly to uphold the civil and human rights for the disenfranchised in Hawai'i and across the United States. His lifetime of experiences, education, and extensive community involvement, as well as his thoughtfulness and demonstrated commitment to meaningful equality for all, makes him an ideal choice to carry out the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission's important kuleana to uphold our anti-discrimination and equal protection laws.

I have worked with him closely on many occasions on various projects and have come to know him very well and have been infected by his passion to uphold civil and human rights issues for all those involved. His determination to be the voice of the disenfranchised is not only commendable but will serve well the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and the State of Hawai'i.

Please vote to CONFIRM Mr. Peter's nomination to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Respectfully,  
Sheldon Riklon, MD  
Chair, Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition

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Submitted on: 3/28/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Hanlon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I heartily endorse the nomination of Mr. Joakim "Jojo" Peter to the Hawaii State Civil Rights Commission.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Innocenta Sound Kikku	Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition	Comments Only	No

Comments: "I SUPPORT the nomination of Joakim "Jojo" Peter to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. For decades, Mr. Peter has worked tirelessly to uphold the civil and human rights for the disenfranchised in Hawai'i and across the United States. His lifetime of experiences, education, and extensive community involvement, as well as his thoughtfulness and demonstrated commitment to meaningful equality for all, makes him an ideal choice to carry out the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission's important kuleana to uphold our anti-discrimination and equal protection laws. Please vote to CONFIRM Mr. Peter's nomination to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission."

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Mr. Peter for many years now and I can state with full confidence that his thoughtfulness, intelligence, and commitment to upholding the ideals of equality and fairness will make him an invaluable addition to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. I urge you to SUPPORT Mr. Peter's nomination to the Commission. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lola Bautista	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I SUPPORT the nomination of Joakim "Jojo" Peter to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. For decades, Mr. Peter has worked tirelessly to uphold the civil and human rights for the disenfranchised in Hawai'i and across the United States. His lifetime of experiences, education, and extensive community involvement, as well as his thoughtfulness and demonstrated commitment to meaningful equality for all, makes him an ideal choice to carry out the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission's important kuleana to uphold our anti-discrimination and equal protection laws. Please vote to CONFIRM Mr. Peter's nomination to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

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