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| Samuel Wilder King II | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment, Onaona Thoene is one of the most honest, forthright, dependable, intelligent, diligent and honorable persons that I know. She cares deeply about Hawaii, the people of Hawaii, Hawaii's institutions, laws and procedures. She is very knowledgeable on the kinds of environmental issues the Environmental Council faces and she will be a tremendous asset to the Council. I fully support approving her nomination forthwith! Best of luck with your decision. Samuel W. King II

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| Jonathan Ching | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Kaleo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I have worked with Ms. Theone for the last two years with the Oahu Council for the Hawaii Islands Land Trust. I have found her to be intelligent, articulate and well informed on issues pertaining to subject matters at hand. I strongly support her nomination.

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April 3, 2017

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture & Environment

GM 616

Relating to the Nomination of Puananionaona Thoene to the Environmental Council
Monday, April 3, 2017 1:15 pm, State Capitol. Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

The Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (“HILT”) is a nationally accredited, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that protects over 17,500 acres of land in Hawai‘i with *scenic views, agricultural resources, wildlife habitats, water resource areas, cultural and historical values, and outdoor recreation opportunities*. Established in 2011 as a statewide consolidation of smaller land trusts on each of the major islands, HILT complements the stewardship others are providing for mountaintop watersheds by concentrating largely on needs and opportunities for coastal and agricultural lands. The importance of these lands stems from the fact that they are rich in cultural values and often under the greatest threat of development.

To connect people in beneficial ways to these precious landscapes, HILT fosters public appreciation and stewardship of strategically situated HILT owned preserves throughout the Hawaiian Islands. HILT also holds and monitors perpetual conservation easements, HILT’s primary conservation tool, to assist owners who wish to ensure long-term protection of lands with high conservation values.

HILT supports GM 616 and the nomination of Puananionaona Thoene to the Environmental Council.

Ms. Thoene has been a member of HILT’s Oahu Island Advisory Council since 2014 and has a strong background in land use and environmental law and will make an excellent member of the Environmental Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Me ke aloha,
Kawika K. Burgess
Chief Executive Officer

Adams Miyashiro Krek

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April 3, 2017

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawai'i State Senate
Capital Room 224
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**Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 616 – FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF
MS. PUANANIONAONA THOENE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

Dear Chair Gabbard:

I have known Ms. Thoene for almost five years while working together at the Carlsmith Ball LLP law firm. I am confident that she is duly qualified to serve on the Environmental Council because she is thoughtful and thorough, she is committed to environmental and other issues affecting the State of Hawai'i, and she brings energy and passion to her work. I respectfully request that Ms. Thoene be confirmed as a member of the Council, and I am certain that she will be an asset to the Council and the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

/S/ Duane R. Miyashiro