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## **Subject: Governor's Message 618 Relating to the Nomination of Stephanie Dunbar-Co to the Environmental Council**

Dear Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment,

I am honored and pleased to offer testimony in support of the nomination of Stephanie Dunbar-Co to the Environmental Council. Ms. Dunbar-Co brings impressive qualifications and personal qualities to advance the work of the Council in establishing a system of environmental review for initiatives subject to the scope of the Council's charter.

- **Relevant educational training:** Ms. Dunbar-Co has earned bachelor, masters and doctoral degrees that focus on her study of various aspects of plant biology in Hawai'i.
- **Exceptional intellect:** Her academic endeavors have been in honors programs requiring exceptional rigor.
- **On the ground experience:** Ms. Dunbar-Co has had ample opportunity to apply theory to practice through her work experience for The Nature Conservancy, Ke 'Aupuni Lōkahi, DLNR and her 'ohana-owned ranch.
- **Passionate commitment:** Ms. Dunbar-Co's profound personal commitment to ensuring the health and stewardship of our 'āina is motivated by the deep roots, kinship and worldview that reflect her Hawaiian cultural heritage.

Stephanie Dunbar-Co is an excellent nominee for the Environmental Council. I urge the Senate to confirm her nomination and thank her for answering the call of community service.

Sincerely,

**Neil J. Hannahs**  
**Founder & CEO**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**



Monday, April 3, 2017  
1: 15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Stacy Helm Crivello In SUPPORT of

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 618**  
**RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF STEPHANIE DUNBAR-CO TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

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

My name is Stacy Helm Crivello. I serve on the Maui County Council, Molokai District; however, I am submitting this testimony of support for Stephanie Dunbar-Co as an individual and lifetime Molokai resident. I appreciate Governor Ige's nomination of Stephanie Dunbar-Co to the Environmental Council for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Stephanie's educational and work experiences are indicative to her commitment, accomplishments and knowledge of the environmental landscape of our islands. I experienced her work through the Ala Pala'au Project and the final product exhibited excellence and innovative approaches to care for the environment and identification of the area's native plants. Her work product is superior but more important she has the expertise to engage the public and community as part her outreach work with the East Slope Watershed Project and other projects.

Stephanie has all the credentials and experience to function as a member of the Environmental Council. Her cultural knowledge and botanical background will allow her to share her commitment to the environment.

I submit this testimony of strong support for Stephanie Dunbar-Co's appointment and ask your consideration to confirm her appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on her behalf.