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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 824
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JON
SABATI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2018**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports
Governor's Message 824, nominating Mr. Jon Sabati to the Game Management Advisory
Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018.**

Pursuant to Section 183D-4.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Game Management Advisory Commission (Commission) shall: 1) serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board); and 2) consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor in the manner provided in Section 26-34, HRS. The Commission shall include a member from the County of Kaua'i, three members from the County of Maui (one member from each of the islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i), two members from the County of Hawai'i (one member from East Hawai'i and one member from West Hawai'i), one member from the City and County of Honolulu, one at-large member, and the Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designated representative. Each member, other than the Chairperson of the Board, is required to be a hunter licensed in the State and have leadership experience in working directly with local hunter or shooting organizations. At least one member shall have knowledge, experience and expertise in the area of native Hawaiian cultural practices, and no more than three members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any sector of government.

Mr. Sabati has been nominated as a member for the Commission from the County of Hawai'i, West Hawai'i. He is an active licensed hunter who has served as President of the National Wild Turkey Federation – Hawai'i State Chapter since 1998. Mr. Sabati also established a Hawai'i

Chapter of Pheasants Forever and continues to serve as President of the Hawai'i Chapter since 2016. Previously, Mr. Sabati served on the Hawai'i Hunting Advisory Commission, and has also served as a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor with the Department from 1990 - 2000.

Mr. Sabati's knowledge and experience with hunting will make him an excellent member of the Game Management Advisory Commission.

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Tony Sylvester	Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members, The Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance strongly support Jon Sabati to represent West Hawaii on the State Game Commission. Jon has dedicated much of his life to the preservation, protection and promotion of public hunting in Hawaii. It would be hard pressed to find a better role model for our youth and fellow hunters. Without a doubt Jon would be one of the Game Commissions most valued assets. Mahalo, Tony Sylvester Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance

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"To Preserve, Protect, and Promote Public Hunting"

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Senate Confirmation Hearing for Hawaii State Game Management Advisory Commission

Room 224, April 19, 2017, 1:30 PM

Jon Sabati - **Support nomination for West Hawaii Representative to the State Game Management Advisory Commission**

April 17, 2017

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and esteemed members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I have known and worked with Jon Sabati almost two decades as well as having worked with him while he was a President of the Hawaii Hunting Advisory Committee, a statewide organization of hunters working on hunting and management issues in Hawaii. Jon has been active in working with the public and DLNR for years on game habitat management and working with and bringing to Hawaii a national wildlife organizational presence.

We heartily endorse Jon Sabati's selection to the State of Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Lodge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Comments: As Vice-Chair of the Hawaii County GMAC, I strongly support Jon Sabati for State GM Commissioner. He is highly qualified.

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