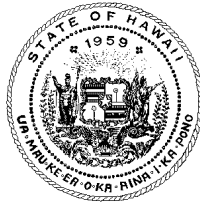


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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 642  
Consideration and Confirmation of Martha Ross  
To the Crime Victim Compensation Commission  
by  
Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director  
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 12, 2018; 1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission ("Commission") with the opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission strongly supports the appointment of Martha Ross to serve as a Commissioner, for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Ms. Ross has over twenty (20) years of experience in policy, administration, research, advocacy, counseling, and writings relating to violence prevention, victim-witness assistance, and crime victimization.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that assists victims of violent crime by providing compensation for crime-related expenses. The Commission also administers a Restitution Recovery Project, under the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, to collect restitution from inmates and parolees and to disburse the collected funds to crime victims. Commissioners hear appeals from administrative decisions ordering or denying compensation and set policy for the determination of claims submitted to the Commission. Special areas of concern in the past have been the treatment of sexual assault and domestic violence victims and enhancing the delivery of compensation services to underserved victim populations. An ongoing concern for the Commissioners is the sustainable fiscal self-sufficiency of the Commission. The Commission's core mission is solely funded through special funds and federal matching Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funds.

Commissioners must be knowledgeable about the impact of violent crime on individuals and be sensitive and compassionate in dealing with these individuals.

Ms. Ross served as an Interim Commissioner from 2014-2015 and was appointed as a Commissioner from July 1, 2015. She is a very knowledgeable, experienced, and compassionate advocate for crime victims with specialized expertise in advocacy, counseling, research and policy with victim populations, and treatment services of sexual assault and domestic abuse survivors.

Ms. Ross has a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of victim advocacy, government, and our community. In 1987, Ms. Ross established and coordinated the Victim-Witness Assistance Volunteer Program and served as an effective advocate and counselor for victims and witnesses of violent crimes with Victim/Witness Kokua Services in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu.

As an accomplished researcher, trainer, and instructor (adjunct faculty for the University of Hawai'i School of Social Work and lecturer at Chaminade University), Ms. Ross has authored numerous publications relating to violence and victims, violence prevention, restraining orders, access to justice, bias in social work intervention with battered women, and school-based violence prevention. Ms. Ross co-founded and co-facilitated Maluhia O'Wahine, the first counseling-educational support group for battered women on O'ahu. She has served as Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and of the Violence Prevention Consortium, and as President of the Awareness Foundation. While working at the Sex Abuse Treatment Center as an Administrative Coordinator, Ms. Ross was responsible for community and government relations, medical-legal services and interdisciplinary team management, and policy and grant writing.

During her sixteen (16) years with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) championing Native Hawaiian empowerment, Ms. Ross was appointed as the first Bureau Chief and opened and led OHA's Washington, D.C., Bureau. While there, she successfully helped found Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civil Club, the first such club in the Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland areas.

After a stint as Vice President of Programs with the Hawai'i Community Foundation, Ms. Ross immersed herself by giving back to the community where she lives by co-creating and helping to set up the Waimanalo Market Co-op where she served as the General Manager and Vice President. The Co-op was set up as a community-driven Waimanalo consumer cooperative and entrepreneur incubator.

Ms. Ross' background, training, and experience have been invaluable to the Commission's efforts to provide equitable and efficient services to Hawaii's violent crime victims during her interim appointment and first term as a Commissioner. The Commission looks forward to continuing to have Ms. Ross' guidance as a Commissioner.

The Commission strongly urges you to confirm Ms. Ross' appointment for a second term as a Commissioner to the Commission.



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GM642, Gubernatorial Nominee Martha Ross  
For  
Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC)

Senate PSM Committee  
Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 1:15pm  
Room 229  
Position: Strong Support

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Senate PSM Committee:

My name is Joy Gold, President and Owner of Joy Gold Unlimited, Inc. The mission of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) is to equitably and efficiently provide crime victims the services due to them under Hawai'i law. In doing so, the Commission treats every victim and survivor with dignity and respect, acknowledging the tremendous impact that violent crime has upon our society.

The Commission provides compensation to victims of violent crimes for their crime-related injuries and losses, and to "Good Samaritans" for injuries or property damage suffered in the prevention of a crime or apprehension of a criminal.

I have known Martha Ross for more than 20 years professionally as well as personally. Ms Ross has extensive experience with programs that address violence prevention, as well as community coalition building for legislation that address sexual and domestic violence, health, social and economic justice.

While a counselor with the department of the Honolulu Prosecutor, she was an advocate for crime victims, witnesses and families. Clearly, her education and training and professional experiences make her a welcomed member of the CVCC. Of particular note, Ms. Ross has the rare ability to analytically assess situations and compassionately arrive at recommendations. This wholly supports the CVCC mission to treat victims and survivors with dignity and respect.

Your support for the nomination of Martha Ross to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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April 10, 2018

I stand in full support of Martha Ross's nomination to serve a second term on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

The trajectory of her 31 years career committed to victim education/protection/advocacy makes Martha Ross an exemplary nominee for continuance on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

In 2003 Hawaiians and Hawaiians at heart residing in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area developed a powerful relationship with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through the newly positioned DC Bureau Chief, Martha Ross. Under her tutelage and example, this community polished skills in applied leadership, advocacy, team work, negotiation and coalition mobilization. DC Hawaiians were introduced to a most effective tool – resolution writing; the cornerstone of grassroots intervention for civic minded organizations like the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

In 2003 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Royal Benevolent Society's education campaign became the catalyst for a joint 2006 decision by Alan Hantman, the U.S. Architect of the Capitol, and the U.S. Congress to move the Kamehameha I statue from its position in Statuary Hall to the newly built U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Emancipation Hall, Washington, D.C. Martha Ross's intervention to include area Hawaiians in the transition; to witness, to present protocol during the dismantling and reassembling of the Kamehameha I statue was instrumental and formed a lasting relationship between the Office of the U.S. Architect of the Capitol and area Hawaiian organizations. Washington, D.C. area Hawai'i focused organizations continue to steward Hawai'i's two statues within The National Statuary Hall Collection; King Kamehameha I and Saint Damien, culminating in the annual June Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony.

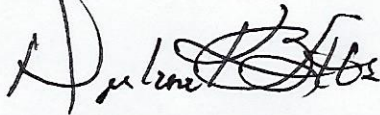
During her tenure as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs DC Bureau Chief Martha Ross resolved to address a multitude of inquiries about Ali'i diplomatic business throughout the world, including nation-to-nation missions to Washington, D.C. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs under the guidance of DC Bureau Chief Martha Ross partnered with Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civic Club of Washington, D.C. and many community volunteers to work collaboratively on the Ali'i Diplomatic Missions and Other Business Travel to Washington, D.C. The purpose of this project was to learn more about nation-to-nation diplomatic missions to Washington, D.C. directed by Native Hawaiian Ali'i; chiefs, kings, queens – leaders of the indigenous sovereign nation of Hawai'i; and to share our findings. The publication of Ali'i Diplomatic Missions and Other Business Travel to Washington, D.C. - Phase I in May 2006 started with Timothy Ha'alilio as he

departed Hawai'i in 1842. Phase II, published in June 2009 dated Queen Consort Emma Rooke's diplomatic travel in 1866 and concluded with Queen Lili'uokalani's diplomatic travel through 1910.

Martha Ross's example of community engagement, empowerment, advocacy, expansion and sustainability continues to drive the work of Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civic Club of Washington, D.C. as we monitor and access policymakers and affiliates deliberating on federal legislation impacting Native Hawaiian culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare and nationhood. Martha Ross's acumen in community initiatives, programs and aspirations fuel small and large Hawai'i focused organizations' memberships to `imi `ike (seek knowledge), laulima (work cooperatively), lokomaika'i (share), na `aupono (possess a deep sense of justice), malama (care for each other), ha`a ha`a (be humble) and to be pono (be moral and proper).

Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civic Club supports Martha Ross's nomination for a second term on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

Ma'alo Nui Loa,



DARLENE KEHAULANI BUTTS

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**Date:** April 12, 2018

**To:** The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

**From:** Justin Murakami, Policy Research Associate  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center  
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

**RE:** Testimony in Strong Support of G.M. 642  
Nomination of Martha Ross, Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Good afternoon Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) strongly supports G.M. 642, nominating Martha Ross for the Senate's consideration and confirmation as a member of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

The Commission's purpose is to mitigate the financial impact suffered by survivors of violent crime as a result of physical or emotional injury, or death. Every year the Commission manages more than \$1 million in collected assessments against convicted criminals and matching federal funds, and processes approximately a thousand victim compensation payments.

The Commission also engages in ongoing programs that materially improve how survivors are treated in Hawai'i by reducing the cost of medical expenses; holding convicted offenders accountable for making compensation and restitution payments; and ensuring that our criminal justice system remains mindful of survivors' needs for adequate safety planning, timely notification of offender status changes, and other system-based services.

Therefore, it is critically important that each Commissioner be an experienced and talented administrator, and have a keen understanding of the challenges that face survivors of crime and their loved ones.

Ms. Ross is exactly this sort of person. She is a considerate, thoughtful and responsible decision maker and problem solver, with an unparalleled professional understanding of the needs of victims and what they face as they recover from violent crime.

During her years as SATC's Administrative Coordinator and Manager of Medical-Legal Services, Ms. Ross was crucial to ensuring the success of our mission to provide crisis intervention and mental health care for survivors of sexual assault,

and was instrumental in handling SATC's relationships with our many government and community partners.

As Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Ross continued to be an untiring advocate for survivors. In that role, we witnessed Ms. Ross bridging the interconnected statewide policies addressing sexual violence and other, often related issues facing local women.

It is further our belief that Ms. Ross's long service with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, including representing that agency on a national stage, has uniquely qualified her to address many important and sensitive issues that are encountered when ensuring that victims of crime in our diverse, multicultural State receive needed care.

Since 2015, Ms. Ross has served as a member of the Commission. During Ms. Ross's tenure, the Commission has experienced significant success in partnership with the Department of Public Safety (the Department) to increase the collection of court-ordered victim restitution from offenders under the Department's custody and supervision. Additionally, during this period, the Commission has taken strong, affirmative steps to assist the Department in implementing impact-of-crime programs for offenders and maintaining the integrity of post-conviction victim notification services.

Given Ms. Ross's superb credentials as an administrator and expert regarding crime victimization and social justice, it is SATC's privilege to strongly support her confirmation to continue serving the State of Hawai'i as a Member of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

**GM-642**

Submitted on: 4/6/2018 5:24:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gayle Hendrick-Messner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Regarding Martha Ross GM 642 consideration and confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARTHA ROSS, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

I have not worked with Martha professionally but I want to endorse her to the Commission. Martha has been a close personal friend for over 20 years and I can vouch for her as a person of integrity and high intelligence. She will bring courageous and knowledgeable contributions to this position.

Thank you for considering this testimony.



**GM-642**

Submitted on: 4/7/2018 3:44:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

I fully support Martha Ross for an additional term on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. She is fully qualified for this position and should be confirmed for an additional term. Thank you.

**GM-642**

Submitted on: 4/9/2018 4:28:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to support Ms. Martha Ross for consideration and confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. I have known Ms. Ross for over 35 years. The work she has done for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and her work with crime victims of domestic violence and sexual assault demonstrates her commitment to working with crime victims. She is a true professional and would be an asset to the commission.

Roger Messner

TESTIMONY OF WINONA E. RUBIN  
IN SUPPORT OF **GM642** CONFIRMATION TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
OF **MARTHA ROSS** FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022

Honorable Senator Nishihara, Chair, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, intergovernmental and Military Affairs, aloha.

I testify in support of GM642 – Gubernatorial Nominee Martha Ross to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission for a second term. I have known her for decades in various capacities.

As a kupuna of nearly 90 years I have had the benefit of observing and participating in the evolution of Hawaii's history – sometimes with tears, sometimes with a smile, and sometimes with a sigh of relief after years of waiting for decisions to be made.

With a smile and sigh of relief I congratulate you on confirming Martha Ross for a first term and urge your positive consideration and confirmation of her re-appointment to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

As verified by her resume and actual events Martha Ross has demonstrated the breadth and depth of expertise required in the governmental, private, non-profit, professional and community sectors. Also, in her collaborative participation and involvement in public service over the years she has been a prudent and intelligent policy-maker, strong administrator and manager, sensitive supervisor, expert fact-finder and sound decision-maker.

An articulate person of intelligence and integrity who is respected for her wisdom, sensitivity, and fairness in judgement, Martha Ross has my highest recommendation for your confirmation of her re-appointment to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity of providing this testimony.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MARTHA ROSS FOR CRIME VICTIM  
COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
FOR TERM EXPIRE 6-30-2022  
GM-42


Aloha Senator Nishihara, Chair and Senator Wakai, Vice-Chair and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, in reference to **GM 642**.

I wish to advance my testimony in support of Martha Ross for appointment to the Commission on Crime Victim Compensation. Please find attached to this testimony a two page attachment that underscores the private sector, government sector, research/analysis/writing/training/teaching and education background of Ms. Ross. Martha's experience underscores her excellent qualifications and provides you, as policy makers, the insight to supporting her appointment to this crucial public service to Crime Victim Compensation.

I had the opportunity to work directly with Martha during my twenty years in serving as a Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and a decade as OHA Chairperson. Martha served as my Trustee Aide and Chief of Staff. She went forward to serve as OHA's Washington D.C. Bureau Chief, for 6 years.

Martha's demonstrated knowledge and experience provides support for your consideration of this appointment. Martha's personal qualities of working collaboratively, working for the purpose of fair and just treatment of individuals, and working in service for the greater good of Hawai'i and it's future, reinforces for both you and us, the community, our collective good fortune for her service.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my testimony,

 4-10-2018  
S. Haunani Apoliona, MSW  
(former Chairperson OHA 2000-2010)

Testimony from Vickie Kapp.

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2018  
TIME: 1:15 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

To:  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glen Wakai, Vice Chair

GM 642- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARTHA ROSS for a term to expire 6-30-2022.

Testimony in favor of GM 642

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter. My name is Vickie Kapp. I am retired from the Department of Prosecuting Attorney as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney after thirty (30) years of service.

I have known Martha Ross for over thirty years, initially as a co-worker in a professional capacity and since then as a close personal friend. We worked together when she served as a victim/witness advocate for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. In that capacity, she counseled many witnesses and victims through the criminal justice process, as well as assisted them with obtaining restraining orders, and applying for compensation from the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

I have witnessed her dedication to serve the community in many different capacities. Her integrity and work ethic is without question. Whenever faced with a new job, task, or uncharted territory, she is able to master it in short order.

I very strongly advise the members of this committee to confirm Martha Ross for a term to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

Sincerely,

  
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Vickie Kapp

TO: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

FROM: Paula Chun, Consultant/Private Citizen

DATE: April 12, 2018

RE: GM 642 – Confirmation of Nomination of Martha Ross to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission

I have known Martha Ross both professionally and personally for over thirty years. Her background in working on behalf of crime victims and Hawaii's underserved communities is extensive.

Martha Ross brings to this position her broad knowledge and experience in the fields of sexual violence, domestic violence, and crime victims in general. Her prior work at the Hawaii Community Foundation and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs also deepened her perspective of Hawaii's vulnerable populations who are often victims of crime. Additionally, her work with the Waimanalo community to develop a co-op demonstrates her skills in building relationships, listening and working with them to bring the concept of a Waimanalo Market Co-op to fruition. These are skills which will enhance her contributions on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to confirm her nomination.

# Allicyn C.H. Tasaka

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April 10, 2018

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Allicyn Tasaka

RE: GM 642 Advise and Consent, Nominee Martha Ross as a Member of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022  
Hearing: Thursday, April 12, 2018, 1:15 p.m., Room 229

POSITION: Strong Support

Good afternoon Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs. My name is Allicyn Tasaka and I am testifying in strong support of Martha Ross' confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2022 (GM 642).

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) provides compensation to victims of violent crimes for their crime-related injuries and losses. It also provides compensation to Good Samaritans for injuries or property damage suffered in the prevention of a crime or apprehension of a criminal.

Martha Ross has served the last four years as a Commissioner on the CVCC. Her experience and knowledge of criminal justice and advocacy for victims makes her continued participation on the Commission essential to maintaining the quality of services, decreasing the case load and setting policies for the agency to move forward.

Martha designed and coordinated the Victim-Witness Assistance Volunteer Program for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu. She was an advocate and counselor for victims of violent crimes and their families. She was Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Violence Prevention Consortium which collaborated with 200+ individuals and agencies/organizations to achieve a systemic approach to preventing violence in our homes, schools and communities through primary prevention. Martha has also researched and authored publications "The Use of Temporary Restraining Orders as a Strategy to Address Intimate Partners Violence," "Violence Prevention Services in Hawaii: Report and Recommendations for the Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Branch of Family Health Services Division to Assist with Planning," "Restraining Orders Sought in the City & County of Honolulu," "Access to Justice Report," and "Bias in Social Work Intervention with Battered Women."

I have known Martha for 27 years and worked with her at the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and more recently with the Hawaii Workforce Development Council. She is fair, listens to all sides, seeks equality and justice, and is highly moral and ethically principled.

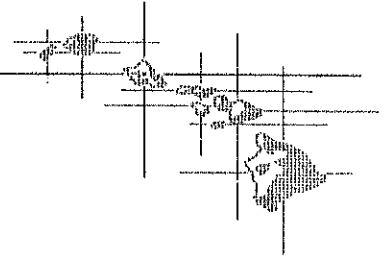
I respectfully urge you to confirm Martha Ross as a member of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission where she would utilize her vast skills set to increase the capacity and guide the Commission to new heights.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Martha Ross' nomination.

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April 9, 2018

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Confirmation Hearing of April 12, 2018 @ 1:15 pm  
Re: **GM642**

**Testimony in support of MARTHA ROSS to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission**

Dear Senator Nishihara and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Gubernatorial nominee MARTHA ROSS to serve on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

Citizen involvement in volunteer government service is an integral part of a healthy democracy. Martha Ross is one such volunteer having already served four years with the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. The Governor has nominated her for a second term, and I fully support her reappointment.

My name is Jo Kamae Byrne and I am President of Honolulu Information Service, Inc., a Hawaii public records research company established in 1982 to provide business related services in Hawaii and throughout the mainland United States. Additionally, I have also been a community advocate for women and children through the Hawaii Women's Political Cause, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii and other community groups.

I met Martha Ross when we were both social activists working to improve government support for women and children. Martha was the Executive Director of the State Commission on the Status of Women and subsequently joined the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. One of her significant contributions to OHA was successfully establishing their Washington, D.C. office.

With Martha's background as a social worker and her varied experience in public service, Martha Ross is an ideal candidate to serve on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. I fully support the Governor's nomination and urge the Committee to approve her appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Kamae Byrne