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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

APRIL 13, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 704
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
THE AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOE TANAKA, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 704. This measure seeks to confirm Joe Tanaka to the Board of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Tanaka has long professional career working in the public sector and as a local Maui businessman. His experience provides a unique perspective in addressing agriculture's economic and business aspects. Mr. Tanaka's confirmation provides the State of Hawaii with an opportunity to diversify and expand the viewpoints on the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April 10, 2018

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawai'i State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Agriculture and Environment Members:

SUBJECT: GM 704 – SUPPORT OF JOE TANAKA FOR THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

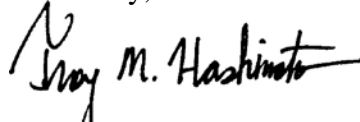
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Mr. Joe Tanaka's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Agriculture. As a life-long resident of Maui County who grew up on a family farm in Kula, I am honored to support Mr. Tanaka's nomination.

I know of Mr. Tanka through his involvement in the community and working with him on important pieces of legislation at the Maui County Council. As a former Council member and State Senator, he is extremely knowledgeable on a wide-variety of issues and has always been very much engaged and highly intelligent. He is honest, trustworthy, and candid about issues and I know he will be a strong and sensible voice in directing the future of agriculture across the State.

As a former businessman, Mr. Tanaka understands how tough it is to make ends meet as an entrepreneur. Farmers across the State are "throwing in the towel" and rather than incurring more debt. We must shift this trajectory and support local agriculture.

I am certain Mr. Tanaka is well prepared for this challenge and I strongly support his nomination. Thank you.

Sincerely,



TROY N. HASHIMOTO

Joe Tanaka
April 9, 2018

Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair, Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Written Statement for Gubernatorial Nomination to the Board of Agriculture

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Agriculture?

If I can be of service to the State of Hawaii in any capacity, it will be an honor. Serving, as a member of the Board of Agriculture will be very important to me, neighbor islands will be the answer to all the woes in Agriculture. We have the land and water. I want to be part of the future of Agriculture in Hawaii.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Agriculture?

As a member of the Board of Agriculture, we are the team that will guide the farmers toward the future in agriculture.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Agriculture, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Agriculture.

I have been always being interested in Agriculture in Hawaii. As a Councilmember of the County of Maui, I serve as the chairperson of the agriculture committee. As a Senator of the State of Hawaii, I was the chair of the Agriculture Committee.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

If confirmed by the Senate, I will give 110% toward my duties as a member of the Board of Agriculture.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Agriculture?

The 3 Ds...Devotion, desire and drive. This is what every member of the Department of Agriculture should have.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Agriculture?

Nothing comes to mind at this moment.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Agriculture? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

No.