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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY TSUJI-JONES, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Governor's Message 642 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Amy Tsuji-Jones for a Term to Expire June 30, 2023

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the re-nomination of Ms. Amy Tsuji-Jones to our Board for a four-year term. Ms. Tsuji-Jones has been on the Board for only one year, as she filled a vacancy due to the resignation of a prior member.

Ms. Tsuji-Jones is serving on the Board in the capacity of a consumer/person with a disability representing the population of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Ms. Tsuji-Jones is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL).

Ms. Tsuji-Jones is not only an ASL user, but has also been an ASL instructor at Kapiolani Community College, ASL Tutor and Trainer, and teacher at the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind.

Ms. Tsuji-Jones serves on the Board's Standing Committee on Communication Access. As we are in the process of public hearings on our administrative rules on the testing of sign language interpreters, and developing a new credential, Ms. Tsuji-Jones' expertise will be valuable.

We urge her reconfirmation to our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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