



**Hawai'i Commission for National  
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May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Chair-Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Senate District 14  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am pleased to support the appointment and confirmation of Ms. Jennifer Li Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

This Commission, enacted by Federal Statute, is responsible for administering and receiving federal funds to support AmeriCorps Programs in the State of Hawaii. There are currently 9 programs in the Hawaii portfolio, with approximately 350 to 400 members serving throughout the state bringing in over \$4,200,000 a year in Federal Funds. The current focus areas of our programs concentrate on land conservation; legal help for low-income and/or disadvantaged individuals; sustainable agriculture; healthy futures; and financial literacy.

The composition of the Commission by Federal statute requires a minimum of 15 members, an equal representation of political parties with NO one party having a majority, and representation of various professional occupations.

Ms. Dotson will represent community-based agency or organization in the state. Her past experience as multilingual executive with 20+ years expertise delivering innovative and impactful fund development results for mission-focused organizations. Master collaborator skilled at building consensus and engaging diverse stakeholders to achieve common philanthropic goals, will undoubtedly serve her well if confirmed to the Commission. Her appointment will also allow the Commission to maintain the equal balance between political parties that is needed to remain compliant with the Federal Statutes.

Please allow Ms. Dotson the opportunity to continue to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service by confirming her to another term.

Respectfully,

Tracy Lee  
Operational Supervisor  
Hawaii Commission for National & Community Service

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**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan L Eyerly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've known Jennifer as a friend and colleague since 2003. I'm continually impressed with her professionalism, character and dedication to helping the less fortunate. She would make an excellent addition to your community service commission.

**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Capsun M. Poe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 11, 2020

To: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for many years because her daughter was a student of Queen Emma Ballet, a school I have run for the last 30 years.

During that time, Ms. Dotson was a caring and involved parent, volunteering to help the school with publicity and fundraising in a myriad of ways. She did this with enthusiasm and efficient expertise, even while juggling her organizational hats at work. Though her daughter is no longer a ballet student of ours, I have remained in contact with Ms. Dotson as she has continued to provide help to our organization in support of the arts.

I truly feel Ms. Dotson is dedicated to helping others and is an effective communicator and advocate for those organizations in our community that strive to do the same.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-754-7529. Thank you so much for your careful consideration in your applicant choice.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Lai Rowland  
Managing Director  
Queen Emma Ballet

**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Byron Riddle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 5, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for over 20 years and have worked together on a several of projects. I have found that she has always been very professional in every aspect of her work. She is very open, honest and detailed oriented. She also has strived for the highest expectation and resolution of all projects that she is involved.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-372-8741. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Byron Riddle

Sales Consultant

JPG Hawaii

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Over the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know Ms. Jennifer Dotson through the Wilson Elementary School Parent Teachers Association and Girl Scouts of Hawaii Troop 967. Her diligent work, dedication to public service and community empowerment, breadth of knowledge and experience, are a few of her many assets.

Ms. Dotson has gained my trust and respect as someone that will uphold the highest levels of leadership, and there is no question that she will greatly contribute and apply her passion, knowledge and experiences to the work of the Hawaii Commission for National Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-386-3329. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Debra Mendes*

Wilson Elementary School PTA Board Member (2015-2017)  
Girl Scouts of Hawaii Troop 967 Treasurer (2017-present)



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**TO:** Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

11 May 2020

**RE:** Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Aloha Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee,

I am happy to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

It was three years ago, while searching for my role in community service, I had the good fortune of meeting Ms. Jennifer Dotson. She has helped me discover how to effectively give back to our community, helping to make connections with others and access important resources. It was with her support, and through sharing her professional experience, I was able to establish the workforce development nonprofit, Work Now Hawaii.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Jennifer Dotson in her roles at American Red Cross, where she promoted me to become a volunteer, and the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii in her role of Vice President of Philanthropy. She has also encouraged my participation in the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Aloha Chapter.

From our first meeting, and through these past years, she has brought enthusiasm and encouragement to our conversations as it relates to the Commission's focus areas of Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Healthy Futures, Veterans and Military Families. I am grateful for the guidance she has selflessly given to me, and for all of the wonderful things she does for our community.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-202-2310. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patrick Gartside  
Executive Director  
Work Now Hawaii



KRISTIN E. IZUMI-NITAO  
1042 Koloa Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: GM 798 & 799 - Consideration of Gubernatorial Nominee Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Jennifer for over ten (10) years as we were members of the Junior League of Honolulu (JLH), a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Both Jennifer and I were presidents of this organization and continue to support JLH in initiating significant change, building partnerships, and inspiring shared solutions that strengthen the community.

Jennifer's professional background in such powerhouse community organizations as the National Kidney Foundation, American Red Cross, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Muscular Dystrophy Association combined with her extensive community engagement in various organizations makes her a qualified and exceptional candidate for this Commission. Moreover, she has an infectious enthusiastic personality and I have no doubt that she will devote her skills and talents for the betterment of this Commission.

For these reasons, I respectfully recommend that you approve her nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since August of 2012 when I joined the Junior League of Honolulu. During my tenure as an active member of the Junior League of Honolulu, Ms. Dotson and I worked on many initiatives together and I got to know her well.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson in many leadership roles, including as Vice President, Committee Chair, and, President of the Junior League of Honolulu. Ms. Dotson is highly effective in implementing objectives and moving the needle on initiatives that support and impact the community. She is also a highly motivating individual whom has had much success in organizing volunteers toward a unified goal.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-212-5445. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kelly Holden, PhD Candidate  
Faculty Instructor  
Shidler College of Business, Marketing Department  
University of Hawaii, Manoa

**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mea Aloha Spady	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson 5.5 years.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson in her role at the American Red Cross and with the American Fundraising Professionals. She possesses outstanding leadership, is extremely efficient and organized, and understands how to galvanize stakeholders for the common good.

I have been involved with Ms. Jennifer Dotson as a community partner when our organizations have collaborated, as a volunteer, and as a participant in events she has coordinated.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at [808-352-8679](tel:808-352-8679). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mea Aloha Spady

**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tessa Ng	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Dotson since I returned home to Hawaii in 2012. Ms. Dotson was one of the first people I met through my college alumni organization, the Georgetown University Alumni Association, Club of Hawaii. Ms. Dotson has served as the Vice President of our local alumni association chapter for many years and immediately welcomed me into the organization. Ms. Dotson volunteers many hours to ensure that every event put on by the organization is a success and has a knack for developing personal connections with everyone she interacts with. I have observed first hand Ms. Dotson's commitment to community service through our work together with the Georgetown Club of Hawaii. Every year she organizes an annual alumni community service event as a way for Georgetown University alumni to connect and give back to the community.

Ms. Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Dotson. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tessa Munekiyo Ng

May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Testimony in Support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee. I submit this testimony as an individual and an expert in my field. I am please to support the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Community service and volunteerism are key commitment and human resources at youth and senior levels that now, more than ever, need to be sustained and mobilized by having commission members able to understand our local multiethnic and economic situation and able to access resources that are at the national level for the benefit of Hawai'i.

Pertinent priorities areas for the Commission are disaster service, economic opportunities, education, environmental stewardship, healthy future and veteran and military families.

I read Ms. Dotson's letter dated May 5, 2020 addressed to you and I sense that her extensive background in the planning, management, financing of community based and voluntary organizations in Hawai'i (including young, women, school, university organizations, and disaster preparedness) give her a very credible stand to serve in the Commission to move forward the State Service Plan that needs updating as we are shaken by the social and economic distress due to Covirus-19.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since 2018 as a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Justice. I can attest that she understand the state and federal regulatory interface and she collaborates and contributes very well to committee work, receive public testimony from underrepresented groups, suggesting information to consider and process and working on editing committee output. (We contributed to the 2019 report entitled [Micronesians in Hawaii: Migrant Group Faces Barriers to Equal Opportunities](#)).

I am confident that Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be a productive addition to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony please contact me at 808-9555406. Thank you very much.

Sincerely



Luciano Minerbi, Dr. Arch, MUP  
Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i  
Member, Hawai'i Advisory Committee U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Former Member C&C of Honolulu Commission on Housing & Community Development  
Former Member Board of Director Moiliili Community Center  
Former Vice Chair Moili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8

**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Novak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for many years and worked with her in various capacities. I have seen her passion for community service in action and know her abilities and capabilities. She has the knowledge, skills, and expertise needed for a role such as this.



For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-780-7911. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Steve Novak

President

Steve Novak Consulting



May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I would like to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Dotson for over five years, collaborating in the nonprofit sector at various with our organizations and in the community. Her commitment and creativity has made a positive impact on the communities of Oahu for years. She has been not only a great colleague but a delight to work with because of her endearing spirit and passion for the work.

She would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-538-7070. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jim Murphy  
Executive Director  
Honolulu Habitat for Humanity

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for about 6 years. We met in the inaugural AUW Alakai series, which was a series for non-profit leaders in the community. Throughout the years following, we have worked together to build community through the Association for Fundraising Professionals – Aloha chapter, YWCA Oahu, and other community organizations. Jennifer founded and organized a fundraiser's "lunch bunch", bringing together fundraisers from different non-profits to discuss projects and initiatives, challenges faced, and innovative practices and solutions. These meetings would take place rotating at a non-profit's location on a quarterly basis and included a tour of the organization and brown bag lunch. These gatherings not only served as a breeding ground for the sharing of innovative ideas but also created friendships and partnerships among fundraisers.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson's leadership and passion. I was immediately impressed by her passion for community, for her knowledge and experience, and her ability to use her voice for the underserved. Ms. Dotson is fearless in her pursuit of community and making an impact and will not stop until she has succeeded. She is a connector, constantly bridging connections in the community that would ultimately lead to long-lasting partnerships, collaborations, job opportunities, and of course friendship.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-780-3273. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Wendy Chang  
Director of Institutional Advancement  
Maryknoll School

**GM-799**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beverly Munson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Beverly M. Munson

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in favor of the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

Over recent years Ms. Dotson has been a valued member of AAUW Honolulu's Work Smart Team. This team (of which I am Team Leader) is responsible for managing

Hawaii's salary negotiation and career advancement training for women. Our goal through these programs is to close the gender pay gap by helping women develop salary negotiation and career advancement skills. As a member of this team, Jennifer has made critical contributions in the design, development, marketing and delivery of ***Wahine Working Smart Forum***, a free workshop offered to local women through AAUW Honolulu. Although she has excelled at all assignments, she is an especially good communicator and has dynamic, engaging public speaking and training skills.

Working with Ms. Dotson on AAUW Honolulu programs I have found that she is SMART, creative, and applies excellent problem-solving skills to quickly find practical, easy-to-implement solutions for societal challenges. She utilizes her stellar education and work experience to help others advance; and functions equally well as a leader or a team member. She approaches her work with focused energy and enthusiasm. She has the unique ability to define desired outcomes, obtain group consensus, and implement action plans that get results – all with efficiency in a timely manner. She gets the job done!

As the Vice Chair of the Honolulu Committee on the Status of Women, I know firsthand the unique skill set required for public committees and commissions. Based on my experience working with Ms. Dotson's, I believe that she will be a true asset to the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service

I have greatly enjoyed working with Ms. Dotson and based on my experience, believe that she will be a notable contributor to the Commission's work.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-218-4136 or via email at: [Beverly.Chance.Munson68@gmail.com](mailto:Beverly.Chance.Munson68@gmail.com). Thank you for considering my support for Ms. Dotson's nomination.

Sincerely,

Beverly M. Munson

AAUW Honolulu, Work Smart Team Leader

Vice Chair, Honolulu Committee on the Status of Women

**GM-799**

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 6:55:10 PM

Testimony for HRE on 5/14/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel M. Gluck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members:

In my personal capacity, I write in strong support of Jennifer Dotson's nomination and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. Jennifer has a deep and longstanding commitment to public service in Hawai'i, and she will be a dedicated commission member. I am a former AmeriCorps volunteer, and I am confident that Jennifer has the skill and passion to help lead HCNCS.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Daniel M. Gluck

Honolulu, HI

**GM-799**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 8:31:38 AM

Testimony for HRE on 5/14/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
amy agbayani	Testifying for Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR)	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Amy Agbayani, Chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR). HFCR is dedicated to justice, equality and civil rights for all. We are in strong support of the nomination of Jennifer Li Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service (GM798 and GM799).

I worked directly with the Commission and Ms. Dotson in my capacity as a community civil rights advocate and before my retirement from the University of Hawai'i as an administrator of student service diversity programs (serving Native Hawaiians, Filipino and other underrepresented groups, women, LGBT students, child care and students with disabilities). I am familiar with the Commission's objectives and work in the state and am confident that Ms. Dotson will be a valuable contributing member of the Commission.

I first met Ms. Dotson a few years ago when we were both members of the State Advisory Committee to the US Civil Rights Commission. This advisory commission held hearings on O'ahu on select critical civil rights policy issues (eg language access, Micronesian citizens, and Native Hawaiians in the justice system). I appreciate Ms. Dotson's understanding of community issues and commitment to equal access, inclusion and civil rights. Ms. Dotson's service as a member of the advisory committee was exemplary. She regularly attended meetings, read all the written materials, asked thoughtful questions and worked collaboratively with fellow members of the committee.

Dotson has extensive professional and community work in Hawaii's non profit sector. She has relevant academic training, experience working in the community and ability to work with diverse individuals and groups. She cares about vulnerable populations. She is articulate, intelligent strategic thinker who also pays attention to details and open to different perspectives. She will be a valuable addition to the Commission.

HFCR, thanks Ms. Dotson for her consistent support for social justice, equal access and community engagement. We strongly endorse Jennifer Li Dotson (GM 798 and GM 799)



Amy Agbayani, Chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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May 11, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Dotson through her involvement with AAUW Honolulu, a non-profit organization that seeks to close the gender pay gap, advance the cause of professional development for women and encourage young girls to pursue STEM in higher education.

In my capacity as public relations coordinator for AAUW Honolulu, Ms. Dotson can be counted on for her insightful input and enthusiastic support of core missions. She is also ready and able to help in any way possible. For example, she has facilitated free salary negotiation workshops for women in the workplace and served as spokesperson for a PSA on Olelo. Given her additional involvement with other community groups, she is to be congratulated for her dedication to making our State a better place through her endless capacity to serve others.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I cannot imagine a more qualified candidate and I submit her name to this commission without reservation.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 818-264-4655.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Wayne Akiyama  
Public Relations Coordinator  
AAUW Honolulu

**GM-799**

Submitted on: 5/13/2020 12:02:18 PM

Testimony for HRE on 5/14/2020 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Lum Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

May 13, 2020

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair  
And Members  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Re: Testimony in Support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Committee on Higher Education,

I am please to write this letter of testimony supporting the nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson to join the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known her for approximately ten years. Over the years I have seen her in a professional environment and gotten to know her as a mentor and as a collaborator to not only myself but to those around her- whether they be staff or acquaintances through her work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Network Enterprises, and the Red Cross. Those two traits have proven effective in her ability to bring people together and instill a common vision and sense of purpose to all people participating in any activity or initiative that she was taken the lead of.

Aside from her abilities as a mentor and collaborator, I have observed her and it became apparent to me early on that her passion for community service and promoting the betterment of the community is embodied in her actions. She has the ability to think on a macro level about what needs to be done to reach a final outcome but also can think on a granular level to ensure that outcomes are achieved both timely and accurately.

I can confidently say that having Ms. Dotson serve on the Commission will not only be a benefit to the Commission and the furtherance of their mission, but also to the state as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

/Christopher Lum Lee/

May 12, 2020

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Higher Education Committee

Re: Testimony in support of confirmation for Ms. Jennifer Dotson to the Hawaii  
Commission for National and Community Service

Dear Honorable Chair Mercado Kim and Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Higher  
Education Committee:

I am pleased to endorse the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Jennifer Dotson for the  
Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service.

I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson for over 15 years.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson excel in continuously motivating and energizing  
volunteers. She recruited one of our largest groups of volunteers through her endless  
energy and high spirits. Volunteers came together and wanted to serve under her  
creative direction. She was always an active and engaged board member and a selfless  
president.

I have been involved with Ms. Jennifer Dotson with the Junior League of Honolulu, a  
non-profit organization that is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the  
potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and  
leadership of trained volunteers.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii  
Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to  
submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any  
questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-226-1372. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Avis Takamatsu, Realtor RS-73290  
Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties  
Former JLH President and Board member

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I have known Ms. Jennifer Dotson since approximately 2003. We got to know one another as we served together as members of the Junior League of Honolulu.

I have observed Ms. Jennifer Dotson's commitment to our community and to voluntarism as a way to improve communities. She exhibits determination, enthusiasm and an optimism to the belief that working together we can make Hawaii a better place to live for all of us.

I have been involved with Ms. Jennifer Dotson when we worked together in training new members of our organization. Our goal was to increase community impact by developing skill sets utilized in effective volunteer leadership. We served on a team together to accomplish this goal. Jen was committed, responsible and a team-player.

For these reasons, Ms. Jennifer Dotson would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination for Ms. Jennifer Dotson. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, please contact me at 808-497-6602. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Martha Balkin  
Community Volunteer