



**Hawai'i Commission for National  
and Community Service**

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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 Mr. John Anderson 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.

Mr. Anderson will represent Local Government. I have had the privilege to work with him the past two years on the Commission, and he has been a very valuable leader in supporting community service and volunteerism in Hawaii. His 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 Mr. Anderson the opportunity to continue to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service by confirming her to another term.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Lee".

Tracy Lee  
Operational Supervisor  
Hawaii Commission for National & Community Service

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