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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 Ms. Sylvia Yuen 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. Yuen will represent educational, training, and development needs of youth, and particularly disadvantaged youth. Her past experience working with Hawaii's vulnerable people, including the homeless, abused children, and financially stressed families, 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. Yuen 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
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brenda Kanno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sylvia will be a great addition to the Commission. She possesses the requisite skills, expertise and knowledge that will help the Commission carry out its responsibilities. Thank you for the opportunity to support her nomination.

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Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Nelson Sakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Senator Donna Mercado-Kim, Chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

I am submitting testimony in favor of GM 805 nominating Sylvia Yuen to the Commission for National and Community Service. I have known Sylvia for nearly 30 years as a Leader, Mentor and Friend. Sylvia has a deep interest in helping people to do better for themselves and their community. Her track record of excellence at the University of Hawaii and more recently at the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii has benefited countless numbers of people both on campus and in our community. She is well equipped to provide the Commission for National and Community Service with support, vision and an unselfish commitment. Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Nelson Sakamoto