

**Subject:** GM593

Honorable Senator Taniguchi,

Please accept this email as my support and testimony regarding the support of GM593  
(Thomas Jacobs).

I have only known Thomas for a short period of time now, but my involvement and experiences with him have provided me with enough to confirm that his knowledge and character are worthy of being a part of the HMOAB.

His back ground will bring to the board a valuable asset.

Thank you for your time.

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Mahalo,

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Aloha Senator Brian Taniguchi and Senator Les Ihara, Jr.,

My name is Phyllis Leolani Gomes. I was born on the of Moloka'i, in Ho'olehua and have lived and worked most of my 75 years of life in these islands, excluding three years serving in the military, from 1964 to 1967.

In 2006 I was hired by Hawaiian Dredging & Construction as a Safety Administrator after completing a Brownfields program sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency. It was a Safety and Environmental Safety Management training course that I was fortunate enough to have been selected to participate in as one of twenty four recipients chosen. Prior to that, I had worked on Kaho'olawe from 1998 to 2004 as part of the munitions clean-up and remediation teams on Kaho'olawe. I was a Heavy Equipment Operator excavating for unexploded ordnance on an excavation team for Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Inc.

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Mr. Thomas Jacobs was my mentor and immediate supervisor during my employment at Hawaiian Dredging from 2006 to 2009. He was, and still is an excellent representation of the "Aloha Spirit" because he is passionate about his job and is consistently building his foundation of knowledge, building lifetime relationships with coworkers and, more importantly, building lifetime relationships with employees and employers of the State of Hawaii. Employers and employees treat him as a friend, and you can tell they have the highest respect for him. You can walk on to almost any construction site in Hawaii and ask a group if anyone knows Tom, and you will get a yes.

It is partly due to his professionalism and his personality that he consistently demonstrates his ability to relate to the employer as he communicates to them the importance of following the laws that are designed to keep them safe. Even more importantly, they listen to him.

I am very proud and honored to enthusiastically provide this testimonial for Mr. Thomas Jacobs because he truly understands his role as a Safety Professional and is very passionate about keeping the working men and women in the State of Hawaii safe. Mr. Thomas Jacobs fully understands the mission of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, its history, and its Administrative governances. His commitment to his work is evident daily. His humble Aloha Spirit and his respect for the employees and employers in Hawaii is second to none.

I highly support Mr. Thomas Jacobs for this position. I know he will not disappoint and will be a formidable asset to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board and the working people of the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your time and for your work, it is greatly appreciated.

Me Ka Ha'aha'a (with humble regard)  
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Good Morning,

I have been asked to become a member of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board by the GCA Safety Committee, I really appreciate the request. I have been a Safety Professional in the State of Hawaii for 26 years in Construction with several General Contractors. I have extensive experience and knowledge with working with cranes as part of my job. I would be honored to be a part of this board.

Thanks,

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