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Steven Chow

Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board? I am requesting to be appointed to a second term with the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (MVILB). I have been serving as a public member and as the Vice-Chair of the MIVLB for the last year. As a Board member I have found the position interesting and rewarding. I enjoy reviewing, enforcing and implementing policy for licensing of dealers and sales persons in the State.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board? To oversee and insure the health, safety and welfare of the public by scrutinizing and enforcing licensing requirements.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board. I am a practicing attorney and deal with automobile law (statutes and administrative laws) on a daily basis. As this will be (if confirmed) my second term, I am familiar with the specific statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) dealing with the Motor Vehicle Industry and licensing of dealers and sales persons. Prior to serving on the MVILB, I served two terms with the Motor Vehicle Repair Board and the State Chiropractic Board and I am familiar with the State's policy and procedures for a State Board. I have also assisted in reviewing and drafting statutory and HAR revisions to the MVILB, MVRB and Chiropractic Board.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? There are many issues facing the MVILB in the future, specifically electric and self-driving vehicles that will require scrutiny for public health and safety reasons.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board. Diligent, Committed and Knowledgeable.
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board member. Current: Vice-Chair: Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board. Previous: (1) Vice-Chair (two terms)-Motor Vehicle Repair Board. and (2) Vice-Chair (two terms)-State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest? I do not see any conflict with my legal practice as I do not represent dealers or individuals in the industry. If I did, I would disclose my relationship to the members of the Board and recuse myself from discussion and/or decision making on any matters.

Testimony of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 625, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEVEN CHOW,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (Board). The Board supports the reappointment of Mr. Steven Chow to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Chow has practiced law for nearly 40 years, and he founded the firm known today as The Pacific Law Group. Mr. Chow engages in the general practice of law, including civil and commercial litigation, personal injury litigation, insurance law, arbitration, mediation, and construction.

Mr. Chow has served on the Board as a public member since June 28, 2016, and he has attended 21 out of 27 meetings since his appointment. He currently serves as the Board's vice-chairperson. In addition, Mr. Chow previously served on various community boards, including as past president for both Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and Friends of Hickam, Inc. He also served on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners from 1997 to 2005 and the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board from 2007 to 2014.

The Board strongly believes Mr. Chow's legal background and extensive experience with other boards make him an exemplary candidate to continue serving on the Board. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the motor vehicle industry in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 5, 2021

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chairperson, Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Nomination of Steven J.T. Chow To
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board**

Dear Senator Baker:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter asking for your support to confirm the nomination of Steven J.T. Chow to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

I have personally known Mr. Chow for over 30 years. Based upon my personal knowledge of and professional experiences with Mr. Chow, I have found him to be very conscientious and hardworking. Steve demonstrates the exceptional intellectual ability required to understand and apply the various aspect of law in his daily practice. He derives considerable pleasure and satisfaction from the challenges of solving complex legal problems.

In the years that I have interacted with Steve, both inside and outside of the legal environment, and I have found him to be a polite, responsible, sincere, and an all-around respectable individual. He will certainly be an asset to the organization and I would respectfully urge you to give speedy and favorable approval to his nomination to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

Sincerely,



Roy M. Sasuga

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March 5, 2021

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chairperson, Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Steven J.T. Chow**
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Dear Senator Baker:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter asking for your support to confirm Steven J.T. Chow to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

I have known Steve for 15+ years and based upon my personal and professional experiences with him I have found him to be very honest, trustworthy and hardworking. Steve works hard and in a very professional manner in all of his endeavors and feel confident that he will do a good job if reappointed to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and I ask that you reappoint Steve to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Mark M. Maruyama

