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The Honorable Jarret Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Thirtieth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 612 and GM 613 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Reinalyn Terrado

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 612 and GM 613** to confirm the nomination of Reinalyn Terrado for a term to expire June 30, 2022 and June 20, 2026.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the stakeholders are represented and engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with DD. The Governor's Nominee meets all the Federal Requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Terrado is the parent of a child with a developmental disability. Her appointment to the Council fulfills the Federal requirement of parents serving on the Council. Ms. Terrado worked in the Hawaii State House of Representatives and is currently an Outreach Advocate. Her expertise goes beyond professional as she services as a Special Needs Ministry Coordinator. She is well versed in lending a parents perspective to pertinent discussions surround developmental disabilities.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 612 and GM 613** to confirm the appointment of Reinalyn Terrado to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

Senator David Y. Ige
Chair
Senate Committee on Health
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Dear Senator Ige,

I met Rein Terrado in 2017 at Pacific Rim University (PACRIM). We studied Christian Ministry together. During our time there at the University, Rein always excelled on her coursework. I wondered how she was able to achieve her academic success? When I inquired with her about her success, I found out something that really struck me as amazing. Not only was she pursuing her Master's degree at the University, but she was also doing it while working in the Hawaii State Legislature, and raising a child with Autism. I couldn't believe her capacity to accomplish what she was doing. She expressed to me at the time how she wanted to be an advocate for children with Autism. I found out that she published a children's book, worked as a journalist in the Philippines, and was going to enroll in the more rigorous Master's in Divinity Program at PACRIM studying Greek and Hebrew. Before I left the University, I witnessed Rein complete and graduate with her Master's in Divinity. Since earning her degree, I have kept in touch with Rein and on occasion I have asked her to help me with certain problems. She is always willing and ready to help me, even with her busy schedule. I highly recommend Rein, due to her capacity to perform, her vast work experience, and her educational expertise. She also knows firsthand what it is like to be a parent of a child with Autism. She is a passionate and multi-talented professional and will be an asset to whomever and wherever she is assigned.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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