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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator



February 16, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

As both a person and a student, Reinalyn M. Terrado was a favorite of mine because of her warm spirit, cooperative attitude, diligent and conscientious efforts, classroom participation, eagerness to exercise and hone her thinking skills, and desire to learn and grow. I would have been overjoyed to have all my students be like Rein. She is among the top two or three graduate students I have had the privilege to teach.

When Rein graduated from the university with her Master of Divinity degree, as selected by faculty, she was awarded the top honor bestowed on graduate students, membership in the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society. This honor recognizes intellectual achievement, character, and leadership ability.

With a special needs child, Rein is compassionate and cares about people. She has a servant's heart and desires to help those in need. In my interactions with her, she is a strong advocate for those who are underserved or oppressed, especially those with disabilities.

While a student at the university, Rein volunteered at the Kokua Pantry (serving those in need of food and clothing), Gala Fundraising (annual university event), and Sand Island Treatment Center Outreach (a long-term, residential continuum of care treatment program that takes clients on a journey from rock-bottom to a fulfilling and meaningful life).

For her internship experiences, she served at One Love Ministries from August to December in 2018. At One Love she assisted church staff in research, meetings, counseling, and clerical work during weekday visits and developed Sunday School lessons for the Special Needs Ministry. From May to December of 2019, Rein served at the YMCA in Mililani assisting neurotypical elementary-age students during the 2019 summer camp and assisting students with special needs at the Pearl City Highlands Elementary School during the school year.

In the classroom, Rein excelled. She grasped concepts quickly and was able to apply them creatively in new settings. She actively participated in classroom exercises and would consider new ideas, think through them, and incorporate them into her perspective as appropriate. Rein was an eager learner and highly conscientious in completing work and assignments in a timely, accurate and comprehensive manner. Rein truly was a pleasure to teach.

Rein would be an exceptional choice for acceptance to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She receives the strongest recommendation I can possibly provide. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Steven Hostetter  
(Former) President  
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## Testimony for Reinalyn Terrado

Senator Keohokalole

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Senator Keohokalole,

I am honored to write a testimony to you and your distinguished committee members in support of Reinalyn Terrado, to be a member of the Developmental Disabilities Council. I have had the privilege of knowing Reinalyn, both on a personal and professional level for about five years. We initially met as graduate students at Pacific Rim Christian University in Honolulu. Despite being a wife and mother to two young sons, Reinalyn demonstrated the fortitude to complete her studies and graduate with two Master degrees.

Reinalyn's passion to achieve academic success and much of her endeavors, are inspired by her youngest son, who has Autism. Reinalyn has gained experience in helping her son to obtain the most effective resources to obtain positive educational outcomes, despite his disability. This passion has also allowed her to be a very successful advocate as a staff member for the Hawaii Disability Rights Center. Reaching out to families who need support in navigating the special education system. Finally, Reinalyn has even made time to lead a support group at One Love church. Providing empathy and encouragement to families with disabled children.

In summary, I believe Reinalyn Terrado is highly qualified to be a member of the Developmental Disabilities Council. She will bring life and professional experiences that will prove beneficial to Developmentally Disabled Individuals, their families, and respective service providers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this testimony.

Best wishes,

John Kuwaye

Master in Mental Health Counseling Degree Candidate

Intern at Portland, Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation



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Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capital Room 215  
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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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MAJOR (Ret)