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Written Statement of  
**Michelle Cheung**  
former Executive Director of TRUE, current Committee Member of TRUE  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
Confirmation hearing will occur in March 2022  
Date/Time: March 9, 2022, 3:00pm  
Videoconference

In consideration of  
**GM617 and GM618**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDWARD BARNABAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the nomination of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). He would be a strong representative of local industry to help HTDC execute the mission of tech-enabling Hawaii's economy and its workforce.

Ed brings a wealth of knowledge from his experiences working with numerous organizations through Booz Allen Hamilton, providing advice and technology solutions to complex problems. His leadership of Booz Allen Hamilton through the COVID pandemic has shown him to be a courageous, decisive, and thoughtful servant-leader.

Ed is committed to improving Hawaii's economy and support workforce development, as demonstrated by his participation and action in the TRUE Committee and Hawaii Defense Alliance, driving collaboration for the greater good. His dedication and care for nurturing Hawaii's youth in technology and STEM is an important component in Hawaii's future.

Ed's strategic thinking and vision applied to HTDC will accelerate growth.

I have confidence that Ed's leadership will benefit HTDC and the Hawaii tech economy. It has been a pleasure getting to know Ed over the past couple of years and working with him.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



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Written Statement of  
**Jessica Munoz**  
CEO Ho'ola Na Pua  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
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I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Mr. Barnabas is a leader within his industry and an asset for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). He brings a wealth of knowledge and has a proven track record of leading teams with high impact in innovative technology and data science and analysis. His diverse experience provides him with a solid knowledge base and a tangible skillset that will benefit HTDC. Mr. Barnabas also has a heart for serving this community. He has contributed his skills in helping with a systems mapping project to help identify the systems response to addressing Human Trafficking within our state. Through this project a proposed solution for data management was also developed. This provided a truly innovative and exciting opportunities for those of us working to combat this very complex issue. Mr. Barnabas is a thoughtful leader and a man on integrity. He is organized and his professionalism is at the highest level. Our state as a whole has a tremendous need for strong leaders, and I believe Mr. Barnabas is the caliber of leader needed. Thank you for the opportunity to submit support in regard to his nomination. I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf. I can be reached at [Jessica.munoz@hoolanapua.org](mailto:Jessica.munoz@hoolanapua.org) if you have any questions.

With Warm Aloha,

Jessica Munoz  
CEO| Founder



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Written Statement of  
**Dr. George Ka'iiliwai III**  
Director, Requirements and Resources (J8), US Indo-Pacific Command  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
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I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. Ed brings a wealth of knowledge to HTDC from his time at Booz Allen Hamilton, as well as a fervent desire to increase the technological job opportunities here in Hawaii.

I came to know Edward as he demonstrated numerous technological advances his company had developed, and I saw firsthand how passionate and capable he is. I enthusiastically endorse Ed for this position on the HTDC board. You will find no better candidate, on or off the islands. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments, and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



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Written Statement of  
**Robert Z. Lietzke**  
Vice President  
Booz Allen Hamilton  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Ed Barnabas is an outstanding candidate to serve on the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC). Ed is deeply engaged in multiple efforts across our business and the community that support the HTDC mission of diversifying Hawaii's economy by developing a flourishing technology industry that provides quality high-paying jobs for Hawaii residents.

Ed leads our Strategic Innovation Group (SIG) in Hawaii and across the Indo-Pacific region. In this role, he is responsible for developing advanced technology solutions for our clients. Ed is actively involved in multiple workforce development and mentoring efforts in Hawaii and works closely with Cyber Hawaii, the Chamber of Commerce, True Initiative, and the University of Hawaii.

Ed is a highly impactful senior executive, and I am confident he will be a very positive addition to the HTDC board. I am happy to answer any questions or provide additional information if needed.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Z. Lietzke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Z. Lietzke



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Written Statement of  
**Colonel Aaron Osburn**  
Director of Communications/J6, Special Operations Command Pacific  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
Wednesday, March 9, 2020  
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. Ed brings a tremendous wealth of knowledge and expertise in both Technology and Innovation that has supported both government and private industry over the past 20 years. Additionally, over the last year Ed has provided insight, solutions, and recommendations that have pushed my organization to modernize and innovate towards the future.

I have full faith and confidence that Ed's leadership will directly benefit the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. Ed is very organized, insightful, and action oriented. He will work to hard to provide solutions to assist any organization. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and advocate on his behalf.



Written Statement of  
**Len Higashi**  
Acting Executive Director  
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**

Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of working with Ed on a few tech related economic development initiatives. Ed brings a strong technology corporate background and big thinking to HTDC. His insights into the department of defense, government contracting, and working with prime contractors will be a huge resource for HTDC and the state. In addition, Ed is collaborative, community-minded, and forward thinking. I look forward to having his leadership on the board in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



Written Statement of  
**Julie Morikawa**  
President, ClimbHI  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

I have had the opportunity of collaborating with Barnabas over the past year and can attest to the vast knowledge, integrity, passion, and leadership he exhibits in dealing with professional clients as well as educators and youth throughout the state.

DBEDT, HTDC, and Hawai'i are lucky to have the willingness of such an esteemed technology sector leader like Barnabas to join the HTDC board. Beyond his wealth of knowledge, it is his infectious aloha and work ethic that is going to provide the momentum needed for HTDC to reach its 80/80 goal for Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.



**Written Testimony before the  
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**March 9 at 3:00 pm**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to submit testimony in **support** of the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Ed leads the Booz Allen Hamilton's Strategic Innovation Group for the Indo-Pacific, based in Honolulu. He has more than 20 years of experience in technology and innovation, serving clients throughout the region with a focus on complex IT solutions, data sciences and analytics, cyber, AI, Cloud and agile systems.

Ed has a wealth of experience he is interested in sharing with our Hawaii innovation community to help start-ups, to grow a workforce for these new, challenging times. He understands firsthand for opportunities with the defense sector in Hawaii and into the region. Adding his contacts and expertise to HTDC will rise the tide.

It has been my pleasure to work with the leaders of Booz Allen Hamilton over the many years. Ed's commitment to continue to invest in Hawaii thru its internship program, as well as bringing national opportunities to our shores, is most important.

I recommend Ed Barnabas fully and without reservation.

Aloha,  
Jennifer Sabas  
Owner and President  
Kaimana Hila



Written Statement of  
**Melanie Ide**  
President and CEO, Bishop Museum  
before the  
**Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism**  
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Edward Barnabas to the board of the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation. As a technology leader and strategist, Edward Barnabas brings a depth of knowledge and experience to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation having worked across a wide range of organizations, institutions and companies. He navigates clearly through complexity, has great vision and is solutions-oriented.

I have confidence that Ed's leadership will benefit the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, and ultimately, Hawai'i. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ed and have seen first-hand how he positively and productively engages with his teams and clients. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a testimony in support of Edward Barnabas and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.

March 8, 2022

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Honorable Members  
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism  
Hawai`i State Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**Re: Governor's Message Nos. 617 & 618 appointing Ed Barnabas to the Hawai`i Technology Development Corporation**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee,

I would like to express my **support** for GM 617 and GM 618 relating to Mr. Ed Barnabas's consideration and confirmation to the Hawai`i Technology Development Corporation.

I have known Mr. Barnabas since his relocation to Hawai`i a few years ago and have worked with him on multiple initiatives meant to stimulate the technology sector here in Hawai`i for the benefit of our local economy but also on projects focused on re-envisioning a STEM pathway for our students in order to increase the size of our pool of engineering workforce as well as the readiness of this workforce as they enter their careers out of the University of Hawai`i. I have always known Ed to be hard working, fair, and knowledgeable about the tasks at hand. He has familiarity with both government processes as well as private best practices, has been actively growing his network of business and community relationships that would be of benefit to HTDC, and is committed to the well-being of Hawai`i and its people.

I am confident that Ed is someone who has the experience to help provide support for such an important organization to the development of our technology sector for Hawai`i. I believe he is a qualified nominee and would humbly ask for your favorable consideration of his nomination to this position.

Aloha,



Brennon T. Morioka, PhD, PE