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Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2022 4:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
pahnelopi mckenzie	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohoalole, Vice chair
and honorary members of this Judiciary Committee

"The Hawaii State Commission on Status of Women (HSCSW) is a statewide feminist government agency the works toward equality for women and girls in the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development." As we look at the current Maternal health crisis and the intersections that cause this crisis we must see the power of State Commissions that make choices for our health and wellbeing. WE must hold accountable a clear focus of collaborative work for the amplification of physiological safety of people that may or do give birth and the children being born. We know the medical institution is biased, racist, and patriarchal this is no longer a debate. Medical professionals appointed as members to the Commission of the Status of Women as a feminist government agency must amplify solutions to the current Maternal Health crisis. The State CSW is a feminist organization which should encompass people working and providing unbiased care and systematic change for the wellbeing of all woman.

Dr. Tamarin L. McCartin has an extensive credential in the field of obstetrics and the military. Her service in both of them are to be acknowledged and appreciated. My concern is that there are so many intersections that obstetric and military do not acknowledge or provide well rounded care nor understanding for all peoples well being to thrive. Uniquely in Hawaii as an illegally occupied space the questions of sovereignty in both lines of work is questionable.

As a concerned citizen for the future of Midwifery in Hawai'i I find that Dr McCartin profession may provide a biased stance on the collaborative work that Midwifery can provide to the health of woman and children. I say this with bias as I know that the historical and current OB/GYN tactics and care are not to uplift Midwifery care. What is the correlation of this history and how is it affecting Maternal health today? Women should have choice along the entire spectrum of reproductive justice I think this is important to address and understand Dr.

McCartin's position on this. There are systemic barriers to women to accessing unbiased medical care and how have Dr.McCartin worked to create solutions? As a Doctor in women's health how is she addressing racism in medical care and Autonomous consensual Maternal health care?

Currently America is the most dangerous industrialized nation to give birth in. Why do you think this is and how is ACOG and the Medical / Military institutions working to change these numbers. It is institutional and systematic and I feel as CSW is doing this work as should anyone that is appointed. What is Dr. McCartin's current knowledge of Midwifery in Hawai'i or in

America and her participation in collaborative care with clients' health teams outside of the Medical system? I value the work of CSW very much and the 3 new nominees will have a huge influence on the work that is done. We are in a crisis of woman dying and near misses in childbirth, woman and children health being neglected in the medical system and these are major societal issues that must be addressed. How is Hawai'i moving with this shift in American society. Will its claim hold to the oppressive system or move to a more conscious caring and brilliant society as Hawai'i once was. PLEASE look at all side of who will be nominated to the Commission on the status of woman and that that person is unbiased and pushing forward for collective well being. Thank you for your time and the amazing work you do
Thank you and Blessings, Pahnelopi McKenzie

Aloha,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen. I have sat on the Committee on the Status of Women, Maui County for the past for years, and have termed out unfortunately. During these past four years I have witnessed how important it is to have good, fair, representation on the commission and I am gravely concerned with two of the nominees, and in adoration quite honestly if one of them. Both Marissa and Tamara come very amazing professional background and I commend them on their awesome work. I do however question that they are appropriate for the commission, and can't help but pray they are not being nominated to influence the commission in ways of what background they come from, which is very western trained individuals who are going to be completely pro-medical. While we love and appreciate western interventions and medicine when needed, I feel the lack of relationships and deeper understanding of the cultural, economic, and lack of health care options are issues women face often in Hawaii and feel like someone who had a better pulse on community in general in Hawai'i would serve us most. Deja is the best possible candidate as she is in the ground working for years within the realm of 'women's issues in Hawai'i' and has been known to be unbiased and accepting of the traditions of women in Hawai'i and so is more sensitive to our mission.

Please deeply consider that with the United States in a current health care crisis, what happens in the commission is crucial for healing the past, present, and future. We need w'hine that are strong, smart, and compassionate, embracing what is best for the good of all w'hine, and not just the elite, or authoritative voice.

Please support Deja when you vote this Friday, and do not just settle for the current nominees, but look deeply into wether they are w'hine that will serve the mission of the state's commission.

Me ka Ha'aha'a,
Ki'inaniokalani Kaho'ohanohano

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Holly Olson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Tamarin McCartin has spent her entire adult life in the service of others, most specifically in the service of women. Throughout her career in the US Army as an Obstetrician/Gynecologist (Ob/Gyn), she served in numerous leadership positions both in fixed facilities and while deployed in Iraq and Kuwait. These roles have prepared her exceptionally well to serve the women of Hawaii on the Commission on the Status of Women and the people of Hawaii would be well served by her advocacy on their behalf. Dr. McCartin has impeccable integrity and is an effective advocate for women, whether they are patients in her clinic or those whose voices often go unheard. I have worked in medical education for over 20 years and have worked with physicians and surgeons in multiple fields, including Ob/Gyn and Dr. McCartin is one of the colleagues that has proven herself time and again as an effective leader, physician, surgeon and educator. Her many skills make her perfect for this role. I wholeheartedly support her nomination to this commission and give her my highest recommendation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women,

My name is Ruth Anderson and I have been a friend of Dr. Tamarin McCartin for nearly 10 years. We bonded over the love of the ocean as well as both of us serving as senior female leaders in our time in the US Army. Throughout our friendship, she has always been an advocate for women's physical and mental health.

While in the Army I led a female leadership course, and she volunteered to provide a class to the young female and male Soldiers in my unit on sexually transmitted diseases. She made the class engaging, and although the topic is not "fun", it did encourage the Soldiers to ask questions.

The longer our friendship grows, the more I am impressed by how much she goes out of her way to be the best OB/GYN doctor yet still has a heart for volunteering in different aspects of her community and the island.

She is a committed and passionate physician and is a champion for women's issues.

Dr. McCartin would be an absolute advantage to the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shirley Sayadian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have the incredible pleasure of knowing Dr. Tamarin McCartin for over 40 years, and can attest to her character and competence that she is the most ethical, intelligent, caring, empathetic, understanding, and wise human I have ever met. I support her nomination completely!

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- To: Senator Karl Rhoads and Hawaii State Senate Members
- Re: Testimony in support of the appointment of Dr. Tamarin McCartin to the Commission on the Status of Women

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of Dr. McCartin's appointment to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Dr. McCartin since 2005. While serving full-time as an OB/GYN at Tripler Army Medical Center, Dr. McCartin applied to help us cover weekend shifts at Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, where I served as Medical Director. Unfortunately for us, after working only a couple of shifts, she was deployed to Iraq. Ever since then Dr. McCartin and I developed a great collegial relationship and a wonderful friendship. We both lived and worked in the small OB/GYN community on Maui for several years.

I can't think of anyone who brings more to this position than Dr. McCartin. She has been a strong advocate for the women of Hawaii for many years. Additionally, she has experience with the needs of our military women and the women of neighbor islands. While being a skilled and confident physician and surgeon, she also takes the time to listen to the needs and concerns of others. She is able to be empathetic while still solving problems. She uses a collaborative approach on working to improve systems and a keen eye for the details and implementation. Dr. McCartin will be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Aloha,

Ann Rahall, MD

Memorandum for Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Letter of support for Dr. Tamarin McCartin appointment

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. Tamarin McCartin who is seeking an appointment with the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Dr. McCartin since 2014. I first came to know her as my attending physician/medical educator during medical residency. Since that time our relationship has expanded, to include having the privilege to collaborate as colleagues, as well as developing a long-lasting friendship. I recommend her for this appointed position without hesitation or reservation. Tamarin handles challenges thrown her way with the utmost integrity and has dedicated her life to serving others.

Dr. McCartin has served as a staff OB/Gyn since 1999. Throughout her medical career she has fulfilled countless leadership roles, to include acting as departmental chief several times over. Tamarin has served as an active-duty Army physician and thus also has a unique understanding of military medicine and how that impacts women. She has spent many years training future OB/Gyns, but also prides herself in extending that education to her patient population so that they might make well-informed decisions moving forward. After completion of her military commitment, she has continued to serve the military community as well as underserved women of Oahu. Tamarin advocates strongly for causes she is passionate about. This passion has resulted in many fundraising endeavors, committee memberships, mentorships, and roles in event coordination. Dr. McCartin's patients view their experiences with her as positive and colleagues remark that she is respectful and easy to work alongside.

Tamarin's expertise in women's health will undoubtedly facilitate the Commission's goal of improving equality for women and girls in the state of Hawaii. I recommend her not only on account of her medical expertise, but also due to her passion when it comes to women's rights; she is a strong proponent of this domain and has a long history as an educator. From my experience, in times of opposition she does not back down but rather continues to advocate professionally and respectfully. Tamarin would be a great asset to ongoing program development that benefits the women and girls of Hawaii.

I am honored to know Tamarin on a professional and personal level. Feel free to contact me in case any additional information regarding Dr. McCartin is desired via the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Melton, DO". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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21 April 2022

Senator Karl Rhoads
Senate District 13
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 204
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Rhoads,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. Tamarin McCartin (Tamarin). I met Tamarin in Italy in 2008. My family fortunately lived in Hawaii from 2014 to 2020. Tamarin and I have maintained our friendship through all my family's military moves.

I am a retired Human Resource professional with a background in Employee Relations, Employment Law and Training. Through my social interaction with Tamarin, I believe she is very loyal, trustworthy and professional. I support Tamarin's nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Jill Vogel

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Wichita Falls, Texas 76309

21 April 2022

Senator Karl Rhoads
Senate District 13
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 204
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Rhoads,

I am a physician licensed in Hawai'i and have know Dr. Tamarin McCartin both personally and professionally for 12 years. We have worked together in medical clinics and hospitals providing care for military members and their family.

Tamarin is a professional of the highest integrity and dedication. As an obstetrician-gynecologist, I have seen her advocacy for women firsthand, and her interest in the welfare of women extends beyond their immediate medical needs. She would be an excellent person to provide perspective and policy recommendations for the women of Hawaii. I support her nomination to the Commission on the Status of Women without reservation.

Colonel John Vogel
4313 Grants Glen
Wichita Falls, Texas 76309

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Robert Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Dr. McCartin since 2011. She is without question one of the most accomplished persons I have ever known. Being a former Marine Corps officer myself I have the utmost respect for her deployments to an active combat zone in the service of her country. The fact that she retired with the rank of Colonel is in itself a testament to her competence as well as her dedication both to her profession and the nation. I have always known Dr. McCartin to be well-read regarding issues from the local to the international level. She has always been outspoken on issues that impact the disadvantaged and the powerless, especially when they pertain to women. She has written to lawmakers and urged others to do the same. Dr. McCartin's proven abilities as a leader, decades of experience as an Ob-Gyn doctor and strong moral character make her an ideal choice for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women where she will be a strong advocate for equality for women and girls in the State of Hawai'i.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alani Bagcal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee,

Please do not confirm GM 788 for Tamarin McCartin. This is nothing personal, I do not think the candidate is an appropriate choice to serve in the role of monitoring and opposing the impact of the U.S. DOD presence in Hawai'i on women. Her long track record with the U.S. military including the occupation of Iraq will break trust between the community and the Commission. We need local and Native Hawaiian women representation with a history of bravely opposing militarism and harmful institutions.

Thank you,

Alani Bagcal

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Submitted on: 4/21/2022 10:49:18 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mykie E. Menor Ozoa-Aglugub	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Judiciary Committee:

Please do not confirm GM 788 for Tamarin McCartin. It is not appropriate for this candidate to serve in the role of monitoring and opposing the impact of the U.S. DOD presence in Hawai'i on women. I understand that this candidate is a practitioner however her long track record with the U.S. military including the occupation of Iraq will irreparably sever trust between the community and the Commission. There is a demonstrated conflict of interest because of this individual's loyalty to a harmful institution for women. We need local and Native Hawaiian women representation with a history of bravely opposing militarism.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to uphold the mission and principles of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

Mykie E. Menor Ozoa-Aglugub, J.D.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Galacgac	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Roads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to the confirmation of Tamarin McCartin. **Please do not confirm GM 788 for Tamarin McCartin.** The candidate is not appropriate to serve in the role of monitoring and opposing the impact of the U.S. Department of Defense presence in Hawai'i on women. I understand that this candidate is a practitioner, however, her long track record with the U.S. military, including the occupation of Iraq will break the trust between the community and the Commission.

This is a conflict of interest because of this individual's loyalty to a harmful institution for women. We need local and particularly, Native Hawaiian women representation with a history of bravely opposing militarism in this position. Alternatively, please take a stance to appoint a practitioner grounded in the community and culture of Hawai'i.

I respectfully urge the committee to not confirm GM 788 for Tamarin McCartin.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Beres	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Dr. Tamarin McCartin for over 20 years as a physician, colleague, and friend. Tam is bright, forward-thinking, and a true advocate for humanity with a special attention toward the advancement of women. As a leader and OB/GYN physician in the US Army, Dr. McCartin selflessly served soldiers and their families, earning numerous accolades, military awards, and a superior reputation. She held many positions while on active duty, during wartime in a combat zone, and in the Army Reserves. Dr. McCartin is a highly decorated and retired Colonel and continues to serve the military in her civilian role.

As an advocate for advanced recognition in her profession, Tam also serves as a state examiner for OB/GYN physicians pursuing board certification in Georgia, Colorado, and Hawaii. Additionally, Dr. McCartin holds the esteemed appointment of Fellow for the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Her dedication to the educational advancement of future physicians is remarkable and formidable.

Tam also devotes much of her time to causes that speak to her and represent a path toward progress for others who need a helping hand and a kind heart. Through her volunteerism with various groups, Tam has affected change for service members, homeless animals or those needing care, and issues that directly affect women and women's health, education, and welfare.

I highly and unreservedly advocate for Dr. McCartin's nomination to serve on the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women. Tam is a competent leader with a character that is above reproach. She is a stalwart advocate for women and women's issues, and she dedicates herself to her mission. Tam is an accomplished professional, but she remains grounded in her life and most importantly, she genuinely cares!

On behalf of Dr. McCartin and myself, thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kimberly Beres, DNAP, MHS, CRNA, LTC, US Army, Retired

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I fully support this nomination. I have known Dr. McCartin for six years. Dr. McCartin's resume speaks for itself and reflects the kind of leadership needed to fulfill the responsibilities of this position. I believe Dr. McCartin is an exemplary role model and would be an outstanding advocate for the women and girls of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer L. Johnson

GM 788 Tamarin McCartin Response

1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Commission on the Status of Women (Commission).

The Commission is a Hawaii statewide federal agency tasked with advocating for gender equality and improving the status of women and girls through advocacy, education, services, and program development. It was established through executive order, and it is my understanding that the Commission does not have legal authority to create law or policy but rather functions as a resource for legal advocacy.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Commission?

Commission members are likely involved with identifying and evaluating social, legal and educational issues that negatively affect the ability for girls and women to reach their maximum potential for fulfilling and engaging lives. They likely work to create solutions to overcome these issues through outreach, advocacy and collaboration.

3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Commission? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Commission or if you were invited to apply.

Sharon Har is my local representative, and one of her e-letters discussed opportunities to serve on our state commissions and committees. I thought that serving on the Commission on the Status of Women would be a good fit, so I nominated myself. Having been an obstetrician/gynecologist and women's health advocate for more than 25 years this is a great opportunity to potentially effect change on a wider scale than just through healthcare.

4. Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the

Commission. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.

Firstly I am a woman and have experienced first-hand some of the gender bias that can obstruct performance, motivation, education, opportunities, etc. Secondly I am a board certified obstetrician/gynecologist, and my business has literally been women for over two decades. I understand many of their hopes, fears, dreams, and challenges. Thirdly I spent the majority of my career in a male dominated field and have learned to deftly and successfully navigate through the challenges that that brings. I hope to impart some of that wisdom in order to make the path easier for other women and girls.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term as a member of the Commission?

I hope that I may contribute toward the betterment of women in our state in regard to their job opportunities, education, health and motherhood. I also wish to create and/or support programs that help girls realize that they are not second class or in any way "less than" their male

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counterparts, and that their ideas and contributions are important. I want to help their lights not just to shine but to blaze.

6. What issues do you believe that the Commission has handled well in the past? What issues do you believe that the Commission should address in the future?

The report regarding the impact of COVID-19 on birth and pregnancy was timely and informative as was the feminist economic recovery plan. The Commission seems to engage in current issues and produce relevant responses.

The ability for Medicaid recipients to get timely access to elective sterilization should be addressed. The mandatory 30-day waiting period from the time of consent is unnecessary and burdensome especially for women who already face socioeconomic challenges.

Another program that may be impactful is creating opportunities for girls to understand and experience STEM and vocational skills options for future careers.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Commission? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest, but would address any conflicts that may arise with careful consideration and transparency.

8. Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?

I came from very humble means and worked extremely diligently to create a life full of wonder, joy, and good fortune, so I hope to pay it forward in some respects. I am a lifelong learner and teacher. I especially enjoy watching other women rise, overcome and thrive when I have contributed to their successes.

9. Please provide a current copy of your resume, to be shared with Senate members and their staff.