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TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

FROM: David Peters
PO Box 3051
Lihue, HI 96766

RE: David Peters, Nominee for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Kauai Regional Board of Directors

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on my own behalf to serve on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Kauai Regional Board of Directors. I have been working on Kaua`i for the past ten years as the Chief Executive Officer of Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i, the Native Hawaiian Health Care System and a Federally Qualified Health Center. I have a desire to serve on this board to improve the overall health care system on Kaua`i. In the past I have worked closely with the administration at HHSC on Kaua`i to assure that quality health care is provided to our island residents.

As the immediate past president of the Hawaii Primary Care Association I have worked tirelessly to ensure that the safety net for those without insurance, those covered by Medicaid/Medicare and the underinsured get the care they need. A coordinated effort with all the health care entities on Kaua`i is essential to assure that the residents of Kaua`i receive appropriate and quality care. I believe my experience and background is needed to support the efforts of our island community.

If confirmed I will work tirelessly during my tenure to assure a successful implementation of Act 290. It is my hope that my service will improve the operations of our local hospitals and support community input into the governance of those institutions.

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October 25, 2007

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair
Senate Committee on Health
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator David Ige:

I write this letter in support of Mr. David Peters, Chief Executive Director, Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii, Kauai Community Health Center, as a Kauai Regional Board Member.

His expertise in administrative and business management, community leadership as well as his dedication to the communities we serve will be a benefit for the facilities of the Kauai Region.

I humbly ask for your confirmation of Mr. David Peters as a Board Member for the Kauai Regional Board.

Sincerely,

Ms. Orianna Skomoroch, M.A., C.R.A.
Regional CEO – Kauai
West Kauai Medical Center / KVMH
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To: The Senate Committee on Health
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair
The Hon. Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

From: Beth Giesting, CEO

**Testimony in Support of Nomination of
David John Peters to Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation
Kaua'i Regional Board of Directors
October 29, 2007, 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 016**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly endorses the nomination of David Peters to the Kaua'i Regional Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. Mr. Peters came to Kaua'i to direct the work of Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i, the Native Hawaiian Health Care System for that island. He later enlarged that valuable service by developing the comprehensive primary care services of a federally qualified community health center which now has two sites. Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i/Kaua'i Community Health Center capably serves many Kauaians but specializes in care for Native Hawaiians, immigrants, the elderly, and the uninsured. They offer medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services and have a close working relationship with the two HHSC hospitals on Kaua'i as both the CHC sites are co-located with the hospital's sites.

David Peters' Native Hawaiian Health Care System and community health center experience on Kaua'i gives him a unique and valuable perspective on health needs, quality systems, resources, and opportunities. I have no doubt that his appointment to the HHSC board will contribute to that institution's ability to develop solutions to the pressing healthcare needs of the indigent, Native Hawaiians, immigrants, the elderly, the uninsured, and people at risk for chronic diseases and behavioral health problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this nomination.