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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 455.

WRITTEN ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 455, regarding the appointment of Roland Cabalo Casamina to the Boxing Commission ("Commission"). The Department supports Mr. Casamina's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Commission.

I am familiar with Mr. Casamina and his candidacy for appointment to the Commission in that I have spoken with him about the Commission and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Casamina, I believe that he possesses

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the qualifications, background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Commission.

Mr. Casamina has been involved in boxing for a good portion of his life. He has been an avid fan and supporter of the sport since he was a teenager and is currently licensed as a judge, referee, and coach with USA Amateur Boxing. Mr. Casamina's extensive knowledge of boxing and his commitment to and deep respect of the sport will help the Commission deal effectively with the matters that will come before it.

As with many who volunteer their time to serve on a board or commission of this type, Mr. Casamina has been recognized often over the years for his community spirit and willingness to serve the public. Mr. Casamina wishes to continue to give back to the community by serving on the Commission.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Casamina will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Commission. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Casamina's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Casamina's behalf.