GM 367

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 367

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Governor's Message No. 367 submits for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, Anita DiMauro, for a term to expire 06-30-2013.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the confirmation of Anita DiMauro to the State Highway Safety Council for a second term.

Ms. DiMauro helped establish the Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Hawaii Chapter and served as a past president. She has demonstrated her willingness to serve her community through volunteer work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and served on various non-profit boards and coalitions. She has been an excellent resource to the board.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Anita DiMauro to the State Highway Safety Council.



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To: Senator Kalani English, Chair – Senate Committee on Transportation,

International and Intergovernmental Affairs; Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice

Chair; and members of the committee

From: Carol H. McNamee – Public Policy Committee member, Mothers Against

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Re: GM 367 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State

Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Anita DiMauro, for a

term to expire 6-30-2013

Dear Senator English:

I am pleased to support the proposed reappointment of Anita DiMauro to the State Highway Safety Council. Mrs. DiMauro has been an active highway safety advocate for approximately 24 years and is especially interested in community education (youth education in particular) and public policy.

Anita DiMauro was first appointed to the Governor's Highway Safety Council in 2005 and she is now ending her first term. For the past four years, she has been a dedicated member of the Council and has been an active and involved participant in its meetings. She is eager to serve another term with the hope of helping to bring about continuing progress in reducing highway deaths and injuries.

I have worked with Mrs. DiMauro since 1984 when MADD was first established in Hawaii. She served MADD on its Advisory Committee and subsequently on its Honolulu County Chapter board. She became president of the organization in 1988 and served a two-year term. After the completion of her presidency, Anita remained on the Board and devoted her efforts to community education and to our annual fund-raising event. Several years ago she worked with the MADD-Hawaii staff to produce a Speaker's Bureau instructional notebook. She continues her work in the field of Highway Safety by remaining as a member of the MADD Hawaii Council where she has served on its Public Policy and Programs Committees. She has often testified before legislative committees on MADD's priority issues.

Mrs. DiMauro served for 10 years on the "Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking," a coalition of law enforcement, high school and university representatives and other agencies and organizations devoted to preventing underage drinking and its tragic consequences including teenage drinking and driving crashes.

In addition to her past work for MADD Hawaii, Mrs. DiMauro became a "Chapter Advisor" on the National Board in the year 2000. In this capacity she gained knowledge of MADD's Federal public policy program and its advocacy efforts in Washington D.C. and in other states and foreign countries. She also became familiar with MADD's national educational programs and projects geared to youth and the prevention of underage drinking.

In 2004, Mrs. DiMauro served on the Lt. Governor's special task force to recommend strategies for the prevention of drug use in Hawaii (*Hawaii Drug Control Strategy Action Planning Team*).

Mrs. DiMauro has always been an active and vocal participant on the variety of community boards and committees on which she served. I know she would continue to be an involved member of the State Highway Safety Council if she were to be reappointed and would contribute her special perspective along with over two decades of experience in the highway safety field. I encourage you to approve her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this candidate.

Aloha,

Carol H. McNamee