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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCINE DUDOIT TAGUPA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

1:15 p.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Ms. Francine
2 Dudoit-Tagupa to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Dudoit-Tagupa has worked on issues relating to health and aging
5 for over three decades by empowering older adults to live productive lives through community-
6 based organizations such as Alu Like, Ke Ola Mamo Native Hawaiian Healthcare System,
7 Friendly Neighbors Waikiki Health Center, St. Francis Senior Program, Molokai Retired Seniors
8 Program, Wailuke Latter-Day Saints Senior Program, Wai Ola Senior Program, and the Pali
9 Senior Program.

10 Ms. Dudoit-Tagupa's background in Native Hawaiian healing, Hawaiian cultural
11 education, advocacy for kupuna, chronic pain management, and individual and family counseling
12 brings value to PABEA. For these reasons, EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Dudoit-Tagupa.
13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Sheila Beckham [SBeckham@waikihc.org]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 8:21 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: testimony in support of Francine Dudoit

As the Executive Director at Waikiki Health Center I wholeheartedly support Francine Dudoit as a nominee to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. Ms. Dudoit has demonstrated tremendous ability to work with folks from all walks of life in her capacity as the Director of Traditional Healing at Waikiki Health Center. Ms. Dudoit has many years of experience networking among our kupuna; delivering traditional healing services; and serving on multi-disciplinary teams in assessing the need for services as well as developing and delivering the services.

Ms. Dudoit serves on the Waikiki Neighborhood Board. She is on the health center's leadership and provider teams; is active with pain management, diabetes, and HIV advisory groups. Her relationships with many individuals, families, agencies, and businesses; her combined traditional healing and her nursing credential (RN), provide a unique perspective that will serve the Policy Advisory Board well.

I can strongly recommend Francine Dudoit to this important Advisory Board.

Sheila Beckham, RD, MPH
Executive Director
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April 1, 2011

In support

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services
FROM: Jeff Kaplan, MPH, Director of Youth and Senior Services
SUBJECT: *Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs*

Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2011; 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my support for Francine Dudoit as a nominee for the Elderly Affairs Policy Advisory Board.

I have worked closely with Francine in my capacity as Program Director for the Waikiki Health Center. I consider Francine an outstanding professional in her field. She has distinguished herself and is recognized for providing exceptional services to her patients. Francine is highly informed and her knowledge regarding community affairs is superb.

If Francine's performance with our agency is a good indicator of how she would meet your expectations, I am confident that she would be a valuable asset for the Policy Advisory Board. I enthusiastically recommend Francine Dudoit to you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kaplan, MPH
Director of Youth and Senior Services

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From: Elliot Kalauawa [elliott@waikihc.org]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 7:21 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Francine Dudoit

I am writing in support of Francine Dudoit's selection to the Policy Advisory Board of Elderly Affairs. I am the Medical Director of the Waikiki Health Center and have been for 25 years. I am the supervisor of Francine and have known her for many years.

She is an individual who is highly committed to the care of the elderly. Along with her commitment, she has an enormous amount of energy to put into this endeavor; it seems that she does not need any rest. Francine is also a very compassionate and understanding individual. Another of her many strong qualities is the ability to serve as a "peacemaker"; she is able to bring people of various backgrounds and perspectives together to achieve a common goal.

I have enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, working with her. Waikiki Health Center is very fortunate to have Francine on our staff.

Therefore, I strongly recommend Francine to serve on the Board of Elderly Affairs. She will be a very valuable member.

Thank you,
Elliot Kalauawa, M.D.

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From: Adrianna O'Donnell [adrianna@waikikihc.org]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 1:50 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: Francine Dudoit
Subject: Recommendation of Francine Dudoit to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Importance: High

Recommendation of Francine Dudoit to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

I have known Francine Dudoit as a friend and colleague at work for the past six years. Auntie Francine serves as Waikiki Health Center's Director of Traditional Hawaiian Healing, providing services throughout the agency's network of clinics and outreach programs. She also serves as an educator, training future Traditional Hawaiian Healers. I am writing this reference letter with regard to her appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, as I believe that she will be a great asset to the board.

Auntie Francine is one of the most compassionate and selfless people I've ever known – sharing her expertise about Traditional Hawaiian Healing not only with her Waikiki Health Center clients but with the community through various speaking engagements and demonstrations. She is particularly passionate about ensuring the fair treatment of our island's kupuna. It is a pleasure to work with her. She treats all people with respect, warmth and grace. Her reputation, humility and work ethic speak volumes about her skills, background and knowledge. I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically endorse Governor Abercrombie's recommendation of her to serve on this advisory board.

Sincerely,

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From: Paul Strauss [pstrauss@bayclinic.org]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 10:46 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Letter of support for nomination of Francine Dudoit-Tagupa to Elder Affairs Board

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland

It is a privilege for me to write this letter of support for the nomination of Francine Dudoit-Tagupa to become a member of the Elder Affairs Advisory Board.

I have known and worked in partnership with Francine for many years observing her dedicated service to our community in the many facets of her work as a healthcare practitioner and educator. She is a compassionate, giving individual whose core values are founded on providing care and service for others.

As a member of the Elder Affairs Advisory Board, she will be an excellent resource to assess the needs of our elders and recommend/design programs to improve their health and lifestyle.

I urge you to support her nomination in the interest of our community

Paul Strauss
CEO
Bay Clinic Inc.

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Kamakani Lum [shineyurlight@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 3:12 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Letter of Support for Francine Dudoit Tagupa

Letter of Support for Francine Dudoit Tagupa

It is with great honor and pride that I send this Letter of Support for Francine Dudoit Tagupa. I am her niece and student, and in all the years that I have known her, she has always been tenacious in speaking up and fighting for the rights of those unable to speak up and fight for themselves. Her direct involvement in developing and implementing ways of integrating Western medicine with Native Hawaiian core values has elevated health care and the concept of treating the whole person - spirit, mind and body - to another level of consciousness. Her fierce determination in making the changes necessary in providing alternatives to the integration of health care and its related services has led her to serving as a member on numerous boards over the years. She has dedicated much of her time and energy to her vision of not only being able to provide greater individual choices within the realm of one's own cultural value and belief system, in regards to his or her own health, but also to insuring that everyone is entitled to and receives health care, regardless of their financial status. For over a decade, she has served as liaison between the Waikiki Health Center and the multitude of organizations and community agencies designed to "serve the people," ensuring that all parties are in alignment with each other - one heart, one mind - in order to effectively work together. She is held in high regard within the hearts of everyone she has touched, and her commitment, wisdom and guidance will be an invaluable asset to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

In Love and Light,
Kamakani Lum

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Haunani Abdul [habdul@punahou.edu]
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 2:42 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Francine Dudoit Tagupa

Aloha!

Francine Dudoit Tagupa is the personification of kahiau. She gives of herself personally and professionally to benefit others in such a myriad of ways. She is so generous in sharing her many gifts to bring health and happiness to others in mind, spirit and body. She is a teacher, a mentor, a guide and strong support.

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my mother, Ella Chang Dalton. We first met Francine some years ago when we sought relief from pain. Mom had recently broken her hip and was suffering. Francine was so respectful of her, so caring and loving to a woman she'd just met. She put mom at her ease and explained patiently what she was doing and why. My mother will be 90 next week, and she has the greatest appreciation for this wonderful woman.

Francine has helped me with chronic neck and shoulder pain and in so many other ways as well. I have benefitted from her healing touch and from the wisdom she has shared in our visits together. I love to be in her presence. She calms my spirit. She has taught me so much.

I know she is passionate about caring for our kupuna so that they may enjoy the respect and dignity that they deserve. I know she will always strive to better their condition, creating a better life for many. I am so happy to hear that Francine has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. I feel that she will be able to touch many more lives in this capacity.

Mahalo nui loa!

Haunani Abdul

Punahou School

Third Grade Teacher

1601 PUnahou Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Henry L Guerrero Sr [tutupops@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 2:54 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Francine Dudoit Tagupa

Dear Sirs:

I am Henry Guerrero, of 369 Hobron Ln, #20, (no mail received here,) and also P O Box 998, Kapaau, HI 96755. My wife Ilona and I have sought Francine's help in Hawaiian Healing, and have found her very helpful for whatever the problem might be. I have referred her to others who have problems, and they have found relief where other medical systems could not. I have studied other healing realms, and she seems "gifted" in her arts. We would recommend her for any area to help others of our citizenry in Lapaau, or Hawaiian healing.

Mahalo,

Henry & Ilona Guerrero
Hawi, Hawaii, ph 808 990 0030

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Susan Tengan [susan_tengan2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 8:54 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Letter of Support

This letter is sent in support of Francine Dudoit Tagupa to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. She would be such a valuable asset to the Board since she is familiar with the social service system, knows and works in the field of health care and delivery but most importantly she is a caring and loving person.

I have known her for a number of years now and have been aware of her involvement in assisting people in dire need of help and she knew how and where to find assistance for these individuals in order for them to be safe and have their needs addressed.

I ask for your full support to confirm Francine Dudoit Tagupa's position on this policy board.

Susan Tengan
5361 Keikilani Circle
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: U2sense@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 12:26 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: francinedudoit@hotmail.com
Subject: Francine Dudoit-Tagupa Letter of Support

Re: Francine Dudoit-Tagupa -- nomination to be a member of Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA)

It is my sincere pleasure to write this letter of support of Francine Dudoit-Tagupa being nominated to be a member of the PABEA here in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mrs. Dudoit-Tagupa has the knowledge, passion and has participated in many seminars, workshops, conferences, and health fairs concerning the elderly. With her leadership, executive decision making abilities, and goal implementation, she is committed to educating and providing her services and expertise to such programs like Alu Like, Lanakila Senior Center, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (on Moloka'i), amongst many facilities and programs, which continue to benefit what Francine Dudoit-Tagupa has given unconditionally and supports the ever growing elderly community.

In closing, I fully support Governor Neal Abercrombie's nomination for my mentor and teacher, of a practice that I have built with no experience, Francine Dudoit-Tagupa to be a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

Sincerely,

Noel D. Corpuz
dba Massage Therapy Center

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Mark Prazoff [mprazoff@mac.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 12:09 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Letter of Support for Francine Dudoit Tagupa, nominated to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

To whom it may concern,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of support for Francine Dudoit Tagupa, who has been nominated to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. I have known Francine for almost six years, in a variety of capacities. As a native Hawaiian healer, Aunty Fran is tireless in her efforts, literally working seven days a week in the service of others. Whether teaching students, or directly as a practitioner, she combines the principles of traditional Hawaiian healing with Western Medicine in an artful manner. Her communication to others is always clear and direct, embodying the concept of 'oia'i'o, the spirit of the truth.

I have also seen Francine acting as an advocate for others, often on behalf of our kūpuna. In this capacity she is also tireless, and she has the ability to find the person best able to right a situation. She frequently advocates for others to ensure that their needs are met when they find themselves dealing with hospitals and medical specialists. Her interventions are straightforward, yet loving and whenever possible, achieve what is best for the person on whose behalf she has intervened. Aunty Fran is keenly aware of the importance of our kūpuna, and honors them as both a healer and as an advocate.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing Aunty Fran personally, and can say that she clearly embodies the same qualities in all situations. As a person, she is also clear and direct, loving and able to live in harmony with the highest principles of traditional Hawaiian culture.

As a nurse, as a community advocate, as a practitioner of lomi lomi and la'au lapa'au, Francine Dudoit Tagupa will clearly be an asset to Hawai'i as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. I fully support her being confirmed to this position.

Respectfully,

Mark Prazoff M.A.
566 Auwina Street
Kailua HI
96734

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From: Gwynne Inamasu [ccee650@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 12:00 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: francinedudoit@hotmail.com
Subject: *****SPAM*****

I would like to express my support of the nomination of Francine Dudoit Tagupa for the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. I have known her in a professional capacity and she has extensive experience dealing with diverse clientele from all walks of life as well as different cultures. She is fully immersed in the Hawaiian culture and understands the role of our kupuna in Hawaii. Ms. Tagupa would make an excellent choice for this advisory board for the reasons stated above and because she is also a very caring individual.

Gwynne W. Inamasu

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Susan Nakaishi [snakaishi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 8:29 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Francine Dudoit-Tagupa

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Hawaii State Legislature

From: Susan Nakaishi
Former Moderator and current Community Formation Board Chair, Makiki Christian Church

Dennis Nakaishi
Treasurer, Makiki Christian Church

RE: Francine Dudoit Tagupa

It is a privilege to be able to write this letter of support on behalf of Francine Dudoit Tagupa, nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Public Affairs, Elderly Care Affairs Division.

Her experience with and her love for our kupuna will contribute an energetic and passionate perspective to the Board. She's a team player, respectful of protocol but is not afraid to speak her mind concerning this age group that she will represent with honesty, integrity and compassion.

We have been clients of hers at Waikiki Health Center since 2004 and recipients of her gifts of healing and la'au lapa'au taught to her by her grandmother. From our years of (weekly) personal interaction we have witnessed her resourcefulness, her hard-working "no-such-thing-as-no-can" approach to resolving challenging situations, and her "make-a-way-where-there seems-to-be-no-way" conscientious efforts to make a difference in the lives of people often on the fringes of society. We know her to be reliable, trust-worthy, creative, and confident in her ability to make a difference in the lives of people that come to her for help. The life she's lived has been a commitment to doing what's right (pono) and is reflected throughout both her professional and private life.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Nakaishi

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: jsunae@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 12:31 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Nomination of Francine Dudoit Tagupa

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

Thank you for nominating Francine to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. She is a very caring & helpful person to us. With her many years of helping people, she will be a great addition to your advisory board. She not only helps heal the body, but also the soul.

Aloha,

Joanne S. Ancheta
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ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 10:09 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: cmackey@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM619 on 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM GM619

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Winona Kaniho
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cmackey@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/1/2011

Comments:

As a member of the Kupuna Council for the Koolauloa Wellness Health Center, I contacted and then had the privilege of working with Francine Dudoit-Tagupa to gain information of working with elders in the community.

Because I have known her for quite some time and am aware she has been very active in helping people, especially the elderly, in her capacity as the Native Hawaiian Health Practitioner at Waikiki Health Center, I believe Francine will make an excellent representative on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Confirmation Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 1:15 pm Room 16

April 1, 2011

1759 Iwi Way
Honolulu, HI 96816-3826

To Whom It May Concern:

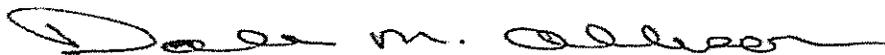
Re: In support of Francine Dudoit Tagupa for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

I have known Francine Dudoit Tagupa for the past fifteen years. I met her as I began work with a nurse practitioner/traditional Hawaiian Healing clinic. We worked together for the next ten years providing health care to the underserved rural communities on the north shore of Oahu.

I was impressed with Mrs. Tagupa's care of her individual clients, her treatment, and her personal interactions with people. Many individuals, professionals and interested organizational groups came by our clinics to see the work we were doing. Mrs. Tagupa was always willing to invest time to teach and provide understanding of her skills. She is articulate and sensitive to the needs of individuals, aggregates, and the populations as a whole. We traveled to many places including Washington, D.C., Alaska, and Phoenix, Arizona to discuss our program and the "cultural fit" of western health care and traditional Hawaiian Healing. Everyone was always inspired by her expertise and experience in working with people, particularly the elderly.

I believe Mrs. Tagupa will be an excellent advocate for the elderly on the policy board. She knows and understands the needs of the elderly. She will be an active member in assisting the Board in making reasonable and sound policy decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale M. Allison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dale M. Allison, PhD, APRN-Rx, FAAN

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: kathy tanita [ktanitaohama@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 9:44 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: francinedudoit@hotmail.com
Subject: FRANCINE DUDOIT TAGUPA

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kathy Tanita Ohama and I am writing to you on behalf of FRANCINE DUDOIT TAGUPA, who has been nominated to the Policy Advisory Board For Elderly Affairs.

I have known Francine for the past 14 years or so. I promise you that she will exceed your expectations of her on every level. She is trustworthy, efficient, responsible, caring, intelligent and easy to work with. But above all, she will ultimately always do the right thing. Not too many people have that quality but she does.

Accepting her on your board would be very beneficial for your cause and extremely beneficial to the community that she will serve. I humbly recommend her to you in the highest regards.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 286-5553 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathy J. Tanita Ohama
Social Studies Teacher
Pearl City High School

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Kelley Naba [knaba@waikikihc.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 6:07 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Elder Affairs Advisory Board

March 30, 2011

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland,

I am writing this letter of support in regards to the nomination of Francine Dudoit-Tagupa to the Elder Affairs Advisory Board. I cannot think of a better person to have on this advisory board for the Kapuna here in Hawaii. In the 8 years that I have known and worked with Francine she has been an advocate of the Kapuna as well as a hands on care provider for the many ailments that befall a human as they age. Her strength, wisdom, genuine caring, and compassion for her life's work and the perpetuation of the native Hawaiian culture make her a true hero in my eyes.

I have never heard Francine say no to a client, not give 100 percent of herself to the task at hand or turn anyone away regardless of their status, age or ethnicity. She shares her knowledge with anyone willing to learn from her, she gives so much of herself and never expects anything in return.

I believe that Francine would be an excellent member of the Elder Affairs Advisory Board, and feel that she will be a true advocate for our Kapuna.

Sincerely,

Kelley Naba
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ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Paul Smith [shadowwalker1600@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 2:21 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Letter of Support - Francine Dudoit

Re: Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Aloha,

My name is Paul Kaleolani Smith. I am a longtime Board Member, a patient and a volunteer of the Waikiki Health Center. I am also involved in advocating for healthcare for all of our citizens.

I am here to stand up and be counted as a supporter of Francine Dudoit to the Board for Elderly Affairs. She is a very compassionate and understanding person. She is very concerned and involved in ensuring that our "Kapuna" receive the care and attention that is deserved. She is never ending advocate for all the Kapuna that she cares for and those that are in need.

Not only does she care about the Kapuna, but also the Ohana & caretakers of our beloved Kapuna. She is a person that gives her 100% to all the things she cares about. I believe that having her insight & understanding would be a great benefit to the Board of Elderly Affairs.

I have witnessed & admired her attitude and advocacy for caring of our Kapuna. Her actions, attitude & care of the things she believes in is beyond reproach. I consider her my teacher, confidant & friend.

Please feel free to contact me if there are anymore questions that I may answer.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your time & allowing me to show support for Francine to this position.

**Paul Kaleolani Smith
134 Kapahulu Ave #418
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815
(808) 922-2598 home**

Believe, Be Strong & Never Give Up.

From: Rachael S. Wong, MPH
P.O. Box 61834
Honolulu, HI 96839

RE: Appointment of Francine Dudoit Tagupa, RN to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Confirmation Hearing: 1:15 PM, Tuesday, 4/5/11
Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Francine Dudoit Tagupa, RN to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Ms. Tagupa (also known as Auntie Francine) is a registered nurse and well-respected teacher and practitioner of *la'au lapa'au*, *lomilomi*, and *ho'oponono*. She is also one of the few health care professionals who offers Native Hawaiian healing modalities in a medical clinic. Auntie Francine brings wisdom, compassion, and real-life experience as a clinician of both nursing care and Native Hawaiian healing.

I met Auntie Francine in the late 1990s when I took a *lomilomi* class she co-taught, and we have seen each other through different settings since then, including when I served as the executive director of a statewide consortium for integrative health care. The model under which Auntie Francine provides integrative health care represents her collaborative spirit, innovation, and commitment to quality care. She would bring these same strengths to PABEA and our aging community.

Thank you for your consideration of Ms. Tagupa to PABEA. She will bring a unique and valuable perspective to this field. If you require additional information, I can be reached at rwong@alumni.princeton.edu.

April 4, 2011

Dear Honorable Governor Neal Abercrombie,

I am pleased to support Francine Dudoit Tagupa in her nomination to the Advisory Board for the Elderly Affairs. I was given the privilege to be introduced to Francine back in 2001 and she has become one of our closest friends and confidants.

Francine is currently the Hawaiian Healing Program Director at the Waikiki Health Center where she works as their Native Hawaiian Practitioner. My husband and I visit with her every week to get "lomi-lomi" and to "talk story". She is very dedicated in what she does and truly believes in caring for the elders and their well being. You have made a very good decision in your selection of Francine Dudoit Tagupa and I look forward to hearing the confirmation of her nomination.

Sincerely,

**Aileen O. Agena
2728 Ala Waiopua St
Honolulu, HI 96819**