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The Honorable Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker and Honorable Vice Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Email: CPNT Testimony@Capital.hawaii.gov

RE: GM633 Public Hearing on April 7, 2011; 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 229 Regarding a Testimony in favor for Nominating Craig K. Hirai, CPA to the State Board of Public Accountancy

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker and Vice Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi and Members of the Senate,

Please accept my testimony in favor for appointing Craig K. Hirai, CPA to the State Board of Public Accountancy. I have known Craig K. Hirai as a personal friend and as a leader in the Hawaii business community for the past 35 years. As a shareholder and director of Bowen Hunsaker Hirai, CPAs and a former shareholder and director of the law firm of Torkildson, Katz, Fonseca, Moore & Hetherington, his contribution to the businesses in the State of Hawaii has been invaluable. Craig started out his public accounting career with Coopers & Lybrand (A big 8 CPA firm at the time) and now works in a local Hawaii firm. The accountancy board needs a director with experience both from a national CPA firm and a local CPA firm.

Speaking from experience as the former chairperson of the State Board of Public Accountancy from 2003 through 2005, I believe his intelligence and understanding of the public accountancy will be an asset to the board in making decisions to protect the community of Hawaii.

Please consider Craig's nomination to the State Board of Public Accountancy favorably.

Respectfully summited,

Stephen Kwock, CPA