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April 17, 2015

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 676 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Liza T.H. Yogi

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 676** to confirm the nomination of Liza T.H. Yogi for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that not less than 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, parents, immediate relatives or guardians. Additionally, each Council shall include representatives of relevant State entities, including State entities that administer funds provided under Federal laws related to individuals with disabilities, including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), and Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq. and 1396 et seq.); Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; State Protection and Advocacy system; and representatives, at all times, of local and non-governmental agencies, and private nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD in the State. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Yogi is a parent of a young man with a developmental disability. Her appointment to the Council fulfills the Federal requirement of parents serving on the Council. As a parent from Hawaii Island (Hilo), she would represent parents and be the liaison for the East Hawaii DD Committee, which provides the Council with information

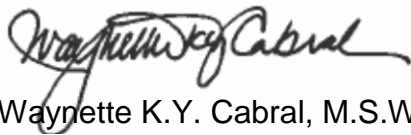
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about the needs, issues, and concerns of individuals with DD and their families in Hawaii County. She has been involved with the Council's activities through her attendance at the East Hawaii DD Committee meetings and the Council's Day at the Capitol event.

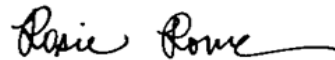
Her enthusiasm, motivation, and perspective as a parent and legal guardian would assist the Council in addressing its State Plan Goal, "People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will receive the necessary supports to live self-determined lives and have equal access under the law." The Council looks forward to Ms. Yogi's contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 676 to confirm the appointment of Liza T.H. Yogi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair

Letter of Support for
Governor's Nominee, **Liza T.H. Yogi**,
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Health Committee
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol,
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Date of Hearing: Friday, April 17, 2015
Time: 1:15pm
Place: Conference Room 414
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Rose Y. Bautista, JD., Immigration Information Specialist for the County of Hawaii. I am writing to you to express my strong support GM 676, Liza T. H. Yogi's gubernatorial nominee to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Ms. Yogi for approximately 7 years both personally and professionally. She has been active in our Big Island community, especially as a realtor, entrepreneur, and the founder of Hawaii Business Fair, an annual event to promote local businesses. Ms. Yogi is also an avid supporter of community events that benefit the developmental disabilities community as well as the Filipino communities, volunteering her time and talents during fundraising events.

However, the most admirable aspect of Ms. Yogi is observing her as a devoted mother and caregiver to her now adult son who has developmental "abilities". I have witnessed her patience, compassion, and mother's love towards her son as well as to other individuals with developmental challenges. To adequately care for her son, Ms. Yogi has made every effort to ensure she learns and knows the agencies who serve this special population to access support. It takes a special person to care for these special individuals, in addition to juggling her time being a businesswoman. Based on her personal experience as a mother and a caregiver to her developmentally challenged son, Ms. Yogi will no doubt be an asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Please consider Ms. Liza T.H. Yogi to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Rose Y. Bautista, JD

