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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 678 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Aaron Kemp**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 678** to confirm the nomination of Aaron Kemp for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

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.

Mr. Kemp is a self-advocate and meets the Federal requirement of individuals with DD as members of the Council. He was first appointed to the Council in July 2010, and has been involved as the Co-Chair of the Maui Developmental Disabilities

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Committee, Co-Chair of the DD Council Employment Committee, and Co-Chair of the Maui Self-Advocacy group. As co-chair for these various Committees, he serves as a liaison for the Committees and Council. Currently, Mr. Kemp is the Secretary for the Council, with responsibility for the meeting minutes and assumes the duties of the Chair or Vice-Chair when either is unable or unwilling to serve.

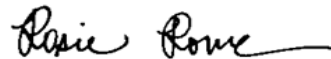
He provides leadership and is a role model for other self-advocates to get involved by participating on committees and community activities. He has been actively involved with the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and has met with numerous legislators to express his concern and support for increased housing on Maui. He also serves on the board for Lokelani Ohana, a private organization that works to obtain housing for people with disabilities.

We are pleased with Mr. Kemp's nomination to be reappointed to continue to serve on the Council. We appreciate the opportunity to convey our **strong support for GM 678 to confirm the reappointment of Aaron Kemp to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



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Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe  
Chair