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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 679 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Santo Triolo**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 679** to confirm the nomination of Santo Triolo 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.

Dr. Triolo is a parent of a son with a developmental disability. His appointment to the Council fulfills the Federal requirement of parents serving on the Council. As a parent from Maui, he would represent parents and be the liaison for the Maui DD

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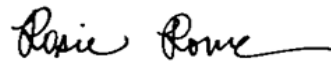
Committee to keep the Council apprised about the needs, issues, and concerns of individuals with DD and their families in Maui County. In addition to his parent perspective, Dr. Triolo's professional background as a clinical psychologist would be an asset to the Council as it addresses the State Plan Health Goal, "People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have access to physical and mental health and medical and dental care, providing opportunities to ensure and maintain their quality of life and ability to provide their own care."

The Council appreciates the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 679 to confirm the appointment of Santo Triolo to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



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Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair