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**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANIEL KITTREDGE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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Senator Chun Oakland:


My name is Sheanee Michaud and I reside on the island of Kaua`i. I am writing to you in support of Daniel Kittredge being appointed as a commissioner representing Kaua`i on the Commission on Fatherhood. I have known Daniel for four years. He is the husband of a very dear friend of mine and as such, he has also become my friend.

Kaua`i is in dire need of advocacy for Father involvement, as well as general awareness of how important a Father is in his children's lives. It is necessary for everyone to understand that promoting healthy relationships between parents and their children is the best way for our children to grow up strong, healthy (both physically and psychologically) and successful. If there were more programs and services dedicated to this need, our children will definitely prosper.

Daniel works full-time to support his family, is a loving and doting husband, and an involved and loving Father. Daniel has two sons. His older son is very active in sports and other activities and Daniel can always be seen supporting his son in his activities. In fact, I know Daniel volunteered his time and assisted with coaching his older son's soccer team last season. I also know that Daniel enjoys spending a lot of time with his younger son and is already teaching him life's lessons at his son's tender age of two. As a parent, it is important that we provide our children with everything we can to the best of our ability and I know that Daniel goes above and beyond for his children.

I humbly ask that you please appoint Daniel Kittredge as a commissioner representing our island of Kaua`i. When he is appointed, I know that great things will come not only to Kaua`i, but to the State of Hawai`i. Daniel will be a strong, clear and helpful voice for our Fathers here on Kaua`i and that is something our island really needs and will benefit from.

Sincerely,



Sheanee Michaud



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**Commission on Fatherhood**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I have had the pleasure of knowing Daniel Kittredge for twelve years. During the years of our friendship, I have known Dan in many capacities. As employer/employee, business associate, training partner and the person who offered support during some of my most difficult struggles in life.


From our start as mere strangers, to a bond that is tantamount to brotherhood. Dan is the person that if called upon to act or be present, Dan will be there. There are a few people I consider fortunate enough to call my family and extremely close friends. Some of those people have qualities I aspire to. Mr. Kittredge is one of those beings that makes others want to be better. The most selfless people I know, I call "Caretakers of the Universe". The ones who count their needs as secondary to the people around them, Dan is that person. I feel privileged to be part of his life.

None of this really matters in my trying to express to you the quality of the man you are considering for the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood. Dan's family are the people who matter the most in this consideration. Dan's wife Desi, adopted son Geon and biological son Reese are more than just his family. They are the purpose in Dan's life. Dan takes time listen to his children, have a close relationship, set appropriate rules, but also grant appropriate freedoms. He understands his role as a father matters to his children and family.

Daniel F Kittredge has the intelligence, experience and the capacity to affect the contribution of the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood in a manner that is meaningful to the programs, services, contracts, policies, and laws relating to children and families.

I consider it an honor to recommend Dan for your consideration. You can contact me by phone @ 808-652-0500 or email: jhanley@clarkhawaii.com should you need.

Mahalo



James Francis Hanley

State Committee/Commission On Fatherhood

April 14, 2015

Dear Susan Chung Oakland,

I have known Dan Kittredge for over five years, both as a friend and a member of our church in Kekaha, Hawaii. What I have probably admired and respected most about Dan is the commitment and dedication to his marriage and family of two sons. I see a very proactive man in his support of his family both financially and his involvement in all of their activities.

Dan is also involved in many church activities to include "Men's Ministry", WSCC Food Bank, and many various outreach activities in our community. Because of his priority commitment to his family first, he is not currently involved in a leadership position in church, but none the less, makes many useful contributions with his ideas and perspective. However, he has a great deal of management experience from the various positons he has held.

In one of our more recent "Men's Ministry" studies on "Resolution For Men", Dan was very much involved in encouraging the other men about the importance of being a responsible, Godly man in their own families. This study put the spot light on the need for men to regain the role of not only the financial provider in their families, but even more importantly, the Spiritual head.

I believe it is very evident in our society today that many homes are suffering from lack of Godly leadership with men being absent from many of their true responsibilities in the family. Many of these responsibilities have been given to the wife as a result. I also believe that statistics have shown that a home is much more successful and children are cared for in a greater way when the father has and is in a more active role.

I truly believe that Dan Kittredge brings the type of character traits; a great dad himself, compassion, patience, analytical approach, perseverance, and a very likable personality, that would be needed for this position. He has always impressed me as definitely being that individual that one he decides to do something, he will see it through to completion with great effort.

Faithfully Yours,

*Patrick Thompson*

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April 14, 2015

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland,

I am writing on behalf of Daniel Kittredge. I met Daniel about five years ago when he met my friend Desiree. Since I've met Daniel, he has married my friend Desiree and legally adopted her son Geon. That was such an awesome thing for him to do. Since their marriage they also have another son who is a year and a half of age.

In this day in age where there are lots of children who grow up without their biological fathers in their lives, Daniel took the step to accept and love Geon as his own and adopt him. There aren't many men now days who would do what Daniel did. This shows me that he has the desire to be in it for the long haul in having a part in raising Geon.

Daniel has a very calm and very approachable attitude. He is easy going and easy to talk to. I feel this will attribute well as a member on the Commission for Fatherhood. He has the background of taking in a child that isn't biologically his and he has one of his own.

Also as a church we went through this book called the Resolution. There is one specifically for men and one for women. Daniel completed the study. The men's book explains the importance for the man to take the lead in his home and the importance of his role as the man of the house. The information in the book will be useful to the Commission of Fatherhood

Based on these, I feel Daniel would a very valuable asset to have the Commission of Fatherhood.

Sincerely,



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February 26, 2015

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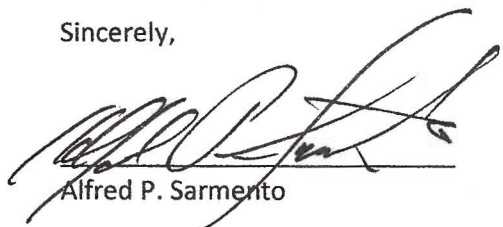
Dear Mr. Chet Adessa:

I am writing to recommend Dan Kittredge, whom I have known for four years, as a candidate for the position of Board Member of the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood, (COF). During that time, I have seen how Dan has been a committed asset to our church community at Westside Christian Center, in my home town of Kekaha, here in west Kauai. Dan has also proved to be a valuable asset to me while I am forming Kauai Christian Voters. Dan is a person who willingly gives great advice and shows a willingness to help whenever and wherever needed. Most importantly, Dan has continually shown himself to not only be a committed father in his own right, but also has shown a marked predilection for community service with a great deal of compassion for all fathers in our greater Kekaha community.

The Dan I know possesses a high degree of leadership skills as well as an excellent record of working collaboratively and productively with other team members.

I have no doubt that Dan would be a valuable and committed asset to the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood, (COF), as a Board Member and I give him my highest recommendation. If I can provide any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-652-0680 or at [alfred\\_sarmiento@hotmail.com](mailto:alfred_sarmiento@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,



Alfred P. Sarmento