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Allison Shadday	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Suzanne Case. I have know her both personally and professionally for 7 years. She possess integrity, dedication, intelligence and a fair-minded approach to working with individuals. Her skills will be a huge asset to the DLNR. I can't think of a better person for the job!

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

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amy kimura	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Monk	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Tsuneyoshi	Individual	Support	No

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Ann Bouslog	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Suzanne Case to head DLNR. I believe her leadership skills and her many years of effective conservation and stewardship of The Nature Conservancy's land holdings in Hawaii will enable her to serve the State of Hawaii very well in this position.

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Annette Kaohelaulii	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony for Suzanne Case GM 750

Aloha Senator Thielen and Members of the Water and Land Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As a longtime member of The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Hawaii, Hawaii Audubon Society and Conservation Council for Hawaii I have almost always been concerned about the natural and cultural resources of Hawaii. Suzanne Case will make an excellent Chairperson. I applaud her nomination and urge all of you to confirm her appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my interest and concern.

Annette Kaohelaulii
355 Aoloa Street, Apt. D 101
Kailua, HI 96734

Testimony for Jonathan Scheuer GM 868

Aloha Senator Thielen and Members of the Water and Land Committee

I write in support of Jonathon Scheuer to the Land Use Commission.

I have known Jonathon for a very long time and have watched him become an ardent advocate for Hawaii's unique natural environment. He is well suited for the position on the Land Use Commission due to his impressive background in dealing with land, water and the environment over the years.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my interest and concern.

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Anthony B. Borge	Individual	Support	No

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April 16, 2015

Testimony to the Senate Water & Land Committee

Friday, April 17, 2015

2:45 PM

State Capitol, Conference room 224

Re: GM 750 Consideration & Confirmation as the Chairperson of Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne Case

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anthony B. Borge, I was born & raised on Maui and have lived most of my adult life here on Oahu. I have been registered voter since the age of 18 and actually continue to cast my vote at election time.

I humbly ask for your **support and confirmation** of Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, GM 750.

Suzanne Case is a home grown, grass roots, local gal with island values. She has the real world experience and well developed credentials needed to be an effective Chair of the department.

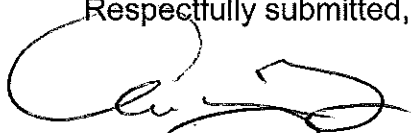
Diverse perspectives are needed when managing the State's valuable natural and cultural resources. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of State lands in commercial operations as well as weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not the highest and best use but protecting and conserving our limited natural resources. She can definitely provide the needed balance.

Suzanne Case is a product of the islands with well-nurtured island values with the necessary knowledge and "balance" to lead & Chair the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Please vote "yes" on GM 750 and support the confirmation of Suzanne Case.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony B. Borge

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Audrey Newman	Individual	Support	No

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April 16, 2015

Re: GM750 - Support for Suzanne Case Appointment as Chair, DLNR

Aloha Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

It gives me tremendous pleasure to strongly support Suzanne Case's appointment to the position of Chair of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Suzanne is a highly respected, knowledgeable and accomplished leader with a lifelong commitment to conservation across Hawaii and globally. She will bring outstanding experience, maturity and direction to the Department and the Land Board.

I have known and worked with Suzanne for more than 25 years in her many roles at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) – from legal counsel for complex Hawaii land acquisitions to helping establish new programs across the Asia Pacific region. We were truly fortunate when she chose to return home and lead The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii in 2001. Since then she has built a strong, diverse and highly effective team with strong local and cultural roots on five islands.

Suzanne fully appreciates the complexity of managing Hawaii's natural resources for multiple benefits – mauka to makai. Under her leadership, TNC Hawaii established a statewide community-based marine conservation program, developed innovative methods to control new and aggressive invasive species on our reefs and in our forests, built new relationships with the Hawaiian community to advance biological and cultural conservation, and strengthened TNC's committed partnerships with large landowners and DLNR statewide. Since 2011, she and TNC have hosted Hawaii Green Growth and helped support the development of the *Aloha+ Challenge*, Hawaii's statewide leadership commitment to six inter-connected sustainability targets for 2030 – especially relevant as the State Sustainability Coordinator is hosted at DLNR.

As a leader and individual, Suzanne is always thoughtful, positive, collaborative and fair. I have seen her face external conflicts and internal fiscal challenges with impeccable integrity and create a work environment where people, programs and new ideas are respected and nurtured.

Suzanne's career with TNC has uniquely prepared her to serve Hawaii's people and natural resources as our next DLNR Chair. I believe she will help the Administration build a more sustainable and resilient future for our islands. I urge you to approve her appointment.

Mahalo,
Audrey Newman

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barbara kuljis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of the confirmation of Suzanne Case as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am very pleased to support the appointment of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Case has excellent administrative experience, background in real estate, and extensive experience in conservation law and administration, as well as a deep feeling for the cultural resources of Hawaii. I believe she is the ideal person to head this Department and provide leadership to its associated boards and commissions. Please support the appointment of Suzanne Case.

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Bill Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Bill Mills and I am writing this in support of the nomination of Suzanne Case for Chairperson of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Suzanne for over 20 years, primarily through The Nature Conservancy. Suzanne is exceptionally qualified on the key issues that DLNR is focused on. She has a deep understanding of the land, water, cultural and legal issues that face the DLNR. Suzanne is an excellent manager, she is fiscally conservative, communicates well, and has the highest integrity. If I can answer any questions regarding Suzanne Case, please feel free to contact me.

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Brandon Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE: Nomination of Suzanne Case as DLNR Chairperson, GM750
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not want a person who has a track record of not supporting game management, as chair to the DLNR. I want someone who will be fair to conservation and preservation. Not just eradication of species many people have grown to have on our dinner tables for the past century. That kind of thinking needs to go towards TFA (tiny fire ants), coqui and albezia, not game mammals. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian F. Funai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Based on the direction of the organization that she headed for many years, I am very concerned that Ms. Case will not be able to make decisions that will be fair to the people of Hawaii when it comes to utilizing our natural resources. Like the justification for rejecting the previous nominee, so should this nominee be considered. I have great concern that as the Nature Conservancy is a very wealthy "non-profit", it will now have influence over and the privatization of public resources. I am all for protecting our resources but I also feel that they can be done so in a manner that allows the people of Hawaii to use, enjoy, consume and be part of them, as we have done for centuries. Confirming this nominee is clearly a statement that our Governor and the Senate endorse the removal of our resources from the people of Hawaii.

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Brooks Rownd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne Case's work at The Nature Conservancy makes her highly qualified to head Hawaii DLNR. Most importantly she has experience advocating for and directing the conservation of Hawaii's endangered natural resources. She also benefits from her experience being part of The Nature Conservancy's model of working cooperatively with the local community and landowners, and supporting important conservation cooperatives such as the watershed partnerships. I fully support the nomination of Suzanne Case to be the head of Hawaii DLNR.

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Bruce Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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GM 750

MEASURE TITLE: Gubernatorial Nominee: Suzanne Case

**FROM: Bruce Carlson, Ph.D. - Ewa Beach
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I am submitting this testimony in support of Suzanne Case as the next Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Bully Kelii	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
canon mcgarry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the nomination of Ms. Suzanne Case. Since she is a part of the Nature conservancy I know that she is invested in preservation of land by making it off limits to the public. Although I believe in preserving nature, I do not agree with making it off limits. We live in a beautiful place and people should be able to experience it. Education is the way to preserve! The vandals are going to vandalize whether on or off limits... please dont allow her to take more away from the public. I have two kids, they love going hiking, camping, etc... the land needs to be open or we wont get to do outdoor activity. The Dora the Explorer will ne the only nature they get to see :(

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl M Jellings Sr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In Opposition To the Nomination and Appointment Of Suzanne Case as DLNR Director.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carnet williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I worked for Suzanne at TNC helping set up an international invasive species taskforce. She had the foresight to start this crucial project in Hawaii and eventually we turned it into a global campaign for TNC. I have watched Suzanne navigate difficult situations with a blend of local/cultural knowledge, a love for the lands and people of Hawaii and also management skills to get the job done. I can't imagine a better person for the job.. who is also amazingly qualified. I urge you to confirm her.

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The Nature Conservancy 
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A 28-year veteran of The Nature Conservancy, **Suzanne Case** has served as **Executive Director** of **[The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i](#)** since 2001. She oversees a Hawai'i program of 76 staff, 16 preserves totaling 53,000 acres, and an annual operating budget of \$11 million, working in native forest, coastal and marine conservation, directly and through partnerships, on six main Hawaiian Islands. She also oversees **[Palmyra Atoll nature preserve and research station](#)** in the Pacific, a globally acclaimed conservation and research collaboration of The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium.

From 1987 to 2002, Case served as TNC Legal Counsel for the Conservancy's Hawai'i Program, the western United States, and internationally in the Asia/Pacific Region. During her years at The Nature Conservancy she has overseen the acquisition of the 116,000-acre Kahuku Ranch addition to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, eight Hawai'i Nature Conservancy preserves, Palmyra Atoll, new National Wildlife Refuges at Hakalau on the slopes of Mauna Kea and at O'ahu Forest, as well as the creation of watershed partnerships for forested management throughout the state, the growth of networks of local communities working to restore their near-shore marine resources, and implementation of large-scale projects to remove invasive algae removal from our reefs and coastal areas. She co-created “*Ke Ho‘olono Nei*”, a Hawaiian song about loss and stewardship of native Hawaiian forest birds, and *Maoli Nō*, a free educational DVD of Hawaiian songs, chants and stories developed by The Nature Conservancy in 2003 for the Year of the Hawaiian Forest on the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Hawai'i forest reserve system.

Case was born in Hilo and grew up in Hilo and Honolulu. She attended Waiakea-Kai Elementary School, Keaukaha Elementary School and Punahou School (1974, where she was the first female student body president). She attended Williams College and Stanford University, where she graduated with honors (B.A., History, 1979). She received her law degree from Hastings College of the Law, University of California, San Francisco, where she was a member of the Hastings Law Journal (1983). She practiced real estate transactions law at the law firm of Pettit & Martin in San Francisco from 1983 to 1987.

Recognitions and Affiliations:

Ho‘okele Non-Profit Leadership Award, Hawai'i Community Foundation & W. A. Gerbode Foundation, 2014
The Garden Club of Honolulu *Hui Māla* Award, 2009; *Distinguished Friend* 2012
YWCA Leader Honoree, 2009
Member, Social Science Association, Hawai'i
Member, Lambda Alpha International real estate society
Member, Advisory Council, University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources
Governor's Economic Momentum Commission, 2006

The Nature Conservancy's mission is to conserve the lands and waters upon which all life depends. Since the Hawai'i program's establishment in 1980, The Nature Conservancy has brought its science-based, on-the-ground, collaborative and solution-oriented approach to forest and marine conservation throughout Hawai'i. The Nature Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of land throughout the state, owns and manages 16 preserves totaling 53,000 acres, and supports the forest stewardship work of Hawaii's watershed partnerships. The Nature Conservancy works with over a dozen local communities and other partners to protect the reefs and near-shore waters of the main Hawaiian Islands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol S Gentz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Suzanne Case as the next Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. She will make an excellent head of DLNR with her experience in law as well as the Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy. Please also support DLNR with adequate funding. Thank you. Carol S. Gentz

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thanks to Governor Ige for nominating Suzanne Case for DLNR Chair, and to Suzanne Case for agreeing to take on this work. I know that Suzanne is an effective leader and administrator. She is a proven advocate of community participation in planning and conserving. As a community member, I will do my part to collaborate and cooperate with the Department to conserve and restore our natural resources. Suzanne is a great choice!

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caroline ginnane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have personally worked with Suzanne Case at The Nature Conservancy, and I can vouch for her ability to get things done in a way that makes sense for conservation. She is smart, dedicated to Hawaii, knows how to prioritize and work with others in partnership to accomplish conservation goals. She really does care about these islands, and walks the walk. I have no doubt that she will do a great job. She cares deeply about preserving Hawaiian culture and furthering conservation efforts and has done a great job as leader of TNCHI.

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charles hanohano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's a conflict of intrest for her

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles M. Kaaiai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Talk about the fox guarding the hen house. The former nominee was denied the nomination because of his employment with Castle & Cooke, a developer. Ms Case is employed by The Nature Conservancy. What makes her more qualified to head a department the size, complexity, cultural and social diversity of DLNR? Hawaii resources are managed for the benefit of all of the people. DLNR is arguably the most powerful agency in the State of Hawaii. The consequences of DLNR actions are significant. TNC has been adept in avoiding political debate by being silent and avoiding controversy. They have been careful not to enter into issues that would alienate their supporters and corporate sponsors. By confirming Ms. Case the state welcomes in companies like Monsanto, Dow Chemical, Dupont, JPMorgan Chase and all of their 1,900 corporate sponsors to weigh-in on Hawai`i real estate, natural and cultural resource issues. TNC operates under the assumption that nature needs to be protected from man. In Hawai`i the resources are conserved for the benefit of the people and public access (PASH) is a hallmark of Hawaii's management of their natural resources. After 28 years with TNC, the largest and wealthiest environmental group in the US, and maybe the World, will Ms Case be able to render unbiased decisions that benefit the general public over the interests of her former employer, their 1,900 corporate sponsors and the Hawai`i TNC Board made up of representatives from Alexander & Baldwin, Goldman Sachs & Co., Koa Capital Partners, Worldview Technology Partners, Zep Solar, Hawaiian Electric Industries, and Cook Pine Capital? The Nature Conservancy is a land acquisition model that uses tax deductible donations to acquire land and then sell it to the government for a profit, profiting twice from State and Federal tax revenues. To accomplish their goal to "conserve plants, animals and natural communities" for biodiversity TNC purchases private lands and thereafter either maintains ownership of the property or sells it. The land is sold, usually at greatly inflated rates, to the federal government or a state government. TNC claims that as of September 2003 it had "protected," in this manner, 15 million acres in the United States and an additional 102 million acres worldwide. TNC purchased 14,200 acres of swampland in Georgia. After acquiring the land, valued at around \$7 million, in 2002, TNC developed a management plan for the parcel and proceeded to sell it to the state of Georgia for \$20 million. Is this the regime we want in place in Hawai`i giving it control of land acquisition and disposal through the DLNR? If your main tool is a hammer then every problem looks

like a nail. Denying public access to favor a small group has been one of the hallmarks of TNC land acquisition activity in the public domain. They are not transparent. They call themselves “Nature’s Real Estate Agent.” With control of public lands, Crown Lands, Ceded lands in DLNR, giving TNC an inroad to these lands does not seem like a good idea.

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Charles W Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Case would bring to DLNR important concrete experience in conservation that is balanced by a sense of pragmatism as opposed to a doctrinaire approach to complex issues.

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Chris A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Thielen, I am in support of GM 750 and GM 868, to appoint Suzanne Case and Jonathan Scheuer to serve on the Land Use Commission. Thank you.

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Chris Farmer	Individual	Support	No

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Senator Laura Thielen, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 223
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

16 April 2015

Aloha –

I am a committed conservationist and active Hawaiian voter, who is writing to urge you to please protect Hawai'i's precious and irreplaceable forests and natural world by **supporting the confirmation of Suzanne Case** as the Chairperson of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Ms. Case is intimately familiar with the challenges and the importance of the issues that DLNR grapples with as it strives to fulfill its mission of protecting Hawai'i's natural resources for its citizens. Ms. Case has demonstrated that she understands the importance of engaging all the stakeholders and also has a proven track record of success during her tenure at The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i. As the Executive Director since 2001, Ms. Case has overseen a Hawai'i program of 76 staff, 16 preserves totaling 53,000 acres, and an annual operating budget of \$11 million, working in native forest, coastal and marine conservation, directly and through partnerships, on six main Hawaiian Islands. She also oversaw the Palmyra Atoll nature preserve and research station in the Pacific, a globally acclaimed conservation and research collaboration of The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium.

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Mahalo for considering my testimony, and voting to **confirm Ms. Suzanne Case as Chairperson of DLNR.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Farmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Laura Thieland, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Friday, April 17, 2015, 2:45pm Conference Room 224
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE CASE, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

IN SUPPORT

Chair Thieland, Vice Chair Galuteria, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I write today as a private citizen in STRONG SUPPORT for nominee Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the DNLR.

I have known Suzanne personally for over a decade and I know she will make an excellent Chair for the DNLR and a superb steward of our *'aina*. As a 28 year veteran of the Nature Conservancy and as the Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii since 2001, Suzanne brings a rare combination of a sincere concern for the preservation of our precious natural resources and the executive experience necessary to run the vital and vast Department of Land and Natural Resources. At the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii she is responsible for a staff of 76, 16 native forest, coastal and marine preserves totaling 53,000 acres on six of our main islands, and an annual operating budget of \$11 million dollars.

Ms. Case is extremely smart and also collaborative. At the Nature Conservancy, she has worked with over a dozen local communities and other partners to protect more than 200,000 acres of land throughout the state including the reefs and near-shore waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. Born in Hilo and a lawyer by training, she is a proud graduate of Waiakea-Kai Elementary, Keaukaha Elementary, Punahou, Stanford and Hastings College of Law at the University of California, Ms. Case has dedicated her professional life to insuring that the beautiful islands she was born and raised in will remain for generations to come.

Ms. Suzanne Case is an inspired choice for Chair of the DNLR and I hope you will give her your every consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clare M. Rountree	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support Suzanne Case as she will be a leader in this position. No one else has her expertise and knowledge in this area and she has more than demonstrated her competency for this position over the years. Aloha, Dr. Clare Rountree

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Clayton Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Frith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: What an absolute treat to be able to support such a well qualified candidate to head the DLNR. Suzanne Case has a dynamic past in both land conservation and natural resources. She "gets it" and obviously loves her life work. I do not know her personally, but share many of her interests and the friends who do know her well. Kudos to Governor Ige-he just hit the ball right out of the park!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale B. Bonar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Case is an outstanding candidate, experienced in finding win-win solutions to the integration of environmental protection and appropriate land use. She will make an excellent DLNR Chair. I have served as the Chair of two different DLNR Commissions during the tenures of Chairpersons Young, Thielen and Aila. Susanne is right in the top tier of the leaders. Please vote to confirm her appointment.

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Daniel Grantham	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darrell Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's about time we had a Director who actually has a extensive background in natural resources. With her at the helm there will be less of a learning curve and more protections created, I hope.

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David Duffy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms Case is an excellent choice. She has experience in land management and conservation. The Nature Conservancy is an organization that works closely with the private sector to achieve win-win solutions on the land and she has run the Hawaiian TNC with skill. She faces a formidable challenge but she has the skills and aptitude to make a difference with DLNR. Please confirm her.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Antolini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee: Suzanne Case is an excellent choice to lead DLNR. Her depth of knowledge, sterling reputation as a visionary conservation leader, diverse connections in the business, landowner, agency, and grassroots communities, and her strong grounding in the culture, context, law, and policies of natural resources management in Hawaii is unparalleled. Please confirm Suzanne as our next Chair of DLNR. Denise Antolini

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Don Aweau
950 Kamehameha Hwy.
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

April 16, 2015

Testimony to the Committee on Water and Land
Friday, April 17, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol – Conference Room 229

Re: GM 750 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne Case, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee. My name is Don Aweau and I am providing written testimony today in full support of Suzanne Case's gubernatorial nomination to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I have had a profound respect for Suzanne over twenty years since first meeting her when I formerly worked for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as the former aide to Maui Trustee, Abraham Aiona, who was my granduncle. From my many years living on the island of Molokai and working on community projects for The Nature Conservancy, I have seen her passion and leadership style resonate with the island communities on environmental protection and conservation. Her respect for our Hawaiian culture and our 'aina has always been foremost in my mind whenever she was mentioned in the Native Hawaiian community.

Thus, I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of the Committee members on her appointment as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo nui loa,

Don Aweau

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Don Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A short note of support for Ms. Case. I believe that her background in conservation qualifies her for this position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donn Yanagisawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: She cannot be a nominee because of the conflict of Interest between the DLNR and the Nature conservancy.

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Donna Ball	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm writing in support of governor Ige's selection of Suzanne Case to head the DLNR. Mahalo, Donna Ball

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dorothy Bowers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Suzanne Case for Director of DLNR and Jonathan Scheuer for Land Use Commission. We are truly fortunate to have such knowledgeable, experienced, respectful and dedicated citizens as these to serve in these positions! Thank you, Dorothy Bowers

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Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne Case is eminently qualified to lead this very important department. I hope that the legislature will show its respect for the mandate of the DLNR by confirming Ms. Case promptly.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edwin Watamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: On the grounds of balance and the culture and tradition of fishing in Hawaii , I feel the nomination of Suzanne Case needs to be denied. This is not to say that fishermen are not conservationists, too. However, we are determined to have fisheries management based on science, practical and empirical. I strongly oppose the machinations of The Nature Conservancy and like minded groups who operate on fear and what ifs. We need leadership without prejudice and predetermined agendas. How can a person with Suzanne's background, long history, and leadership with The Nature Conservancy, not taint every decision she makes. This nomination really comes as a slap in the face of the Kamaaina that have entrusted their future with Governor Ige and gave him the strong support that put him in office.

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Elizabeth Kellam	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chair Thielen and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I write in strong support of Suzanne Case to be the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is so important to all of Hawaii. The individual does not just serve to protect Hawaii's land and natural resources, but manages a significant portion of public lands (1.3 million acres) that comprise the State of Hawaii. Managing these resources while carefully balancing economic and agricultural development, preserving our historical and cultural resources, and safeguarding our land and natural resources for future generations is a tall order. I am confident that Suzanne has the will power and the educational, personal, and professional background, particularly with her leadership at The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, to effectively lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources for all of Hawaii.

As Hawaii hosts the IUCN World Conservation Congress next year, you will need someone at the helm of the Department that will be able to work with stakeholders in Hawaii, nationally, regionally, and internationally in doing a good job on behalf of the United States, but also promoting Hawaii as a model for the world in the field of conservation. Suzanne is that person as she is already well known in the conservation community within and beyond Hawaii's shores. Her extensive networks will also serve the Department well in advancing its mission.

Again, I strongly recommend that the Committee fully support Suzanne's nomination.

Esther Puakela Kia'aina

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Evan Tector	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: WTL Senators, I SUPPORT recommendation of GM 750: Suzanne Case to serve as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She is professionally qualified and has deep experience dealing with land management and public trust doctrine. Thank you for your considerations.

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Evander Faletogo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In Strong Opposition of the nomination of Suzanne Case to be DLNR Director

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Florence Chong	Individual	Support	No

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George Hudes	Individual	Support	No

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I welcome Governor Ige's nomination of Suzanne Case to be the chairperson of the HI Dept. Of Land and Natural Resources. I do this from two perspectives.

Suzanne Case has been a friend and neighbor for over 10 years. During this period of many activities and conversations I have come to appreciate the personal assets of knowledge, values, and experience embodied in Ms. Case which should enable her to be an outstanding DLNR chair. My endorsement of Ms. Case is also informed by my own perspectives regarding the requirements needed for optimal management of Hawaii's land and water resources gained through many years of professional and volunteer experiences, including: commercial beekeeping; fresh water resources researcher, community educator, and advocate; Waikiki Aquarium volunteer education docent for a decade; & previous President of Life of the Land (1970s).

I encourage the Hawaii State Legislature to confirm Suzanne Case as our next DLNR Chairperson.

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George Outlaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, This applicant has lived her values and would be an admirable addition to the State policy making body. I urge you to support a principled person who has walked the walk consistently throughout her life. The Star Advertiser quote below sums up the reasons: From an interview in a 2005 Honolulu Advertiser article: "I always wanted to do something good with my life and do something in public service. I'm very drawn to the mission of the Nature Conservancy because I think that native plants and animals are so fundamentally important. So I'm very passionate about our mission. And accomplishing it in Hawaii--I can't think of a better thing to do with my life than to help the Hawaii that gave me so much when I was growing up." "I think we grew up with a strong sense of civic duty. So however that is expressed, whether it be public service or private enterprise, it's about taking our community and our world and trying to make it a better place. I think it's a common value we have." What more could one ask of a person. Mahalo, George Outlaw

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Glen Hisashima	Individual	Oppose	No

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Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in strong support for Suzanne Case for DLNR director and BLNR chairperson. Looking forward for Ms. Case to cleanup the corruption in DLNR, Division of Boating & Ocean Recreation. Further, the BLNR agendas in violation of HRS 92 aka Hawaii Sunshine Law..

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Grant	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest to serve on the Nature Conservancy and DLNR concurrently

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Halina M. Zaleski	Individual	Support	No

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Harry von Holt	Individual	Support	No

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Heather H. Giugni	Individual	Support	No

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In Support of GM750 Suzanne Case for DLNR Chair

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
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Conference Room 224
Hawai'i State Capitol

April 14, 2015

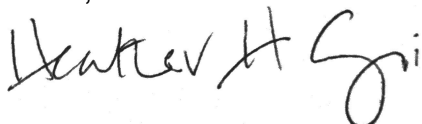
Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members:

I am writing to express my support of **Suzanne Case** for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, a Gubernatorial Nominee whose term would expire in December 2018.

I have known Ms. Case for many years and am proud to have this opportunity to express my enthusiastic support for a woman who has a proven record of commitment to our community. And as Director of the Nature Conservancy for many years, Ms. Case has been a tireless advocate of conservation.

I strongly support this confirmation.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather H. Giugni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather H. Giugni

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helen Nielsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of the appointment of Suzanne Case for DLNR Chair. She has the skills and knowledge to an exemplary leader for DLNR. I believe she not only understands the logistics of her service but also understands the importance of the Public Trust and will serve the people of Hawaii well. I ask our Senate to support this appointment. Thank you.

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Hob Osterlund	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Suzanne Case for chairperson of DLNR. I have known Suzanne for many years in several capacities. She has never failed to be hard-working, ethical and highly competent. She knows the law and she knows how to work with varying perspectives. She gets results. I can't think of a better person for this position. Please approve this nomination!

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Ian Tierney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Suzanne Case to serve as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Suzanne is highly qualified for her appointment. She has the experience, skills, and dedication to serve us well. She is knowledgeable about land and resource management issues in the islands having worked on these issues for decades. She is also respectful of the host culture and sensitive to protecting everyone's quality of life and those things that make Hawai'i unique. Mahalo, Ian Tierney

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J. Kenneth Grace	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jack Fujii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support GM750 to appoint Ms. Suzanne Case at Chair of DLNR because there is a conflict of interest here. I believe she is too much of an "environmentalist/preservationist and we need someone who is more nutrual for the forest planting of good non native trees for economic development for the state. Also I believe we need some who can speak-up for the hunters of hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

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jacob	Individual	Oppose	No

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james kuniyoshi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest to serve as dlnc chair and on nature conservancy at the same time

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Kwon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Case's knowledge, administrative experience, and collaborative approach will enable her to manage and protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources, allow Hawaii's citizens and visitors the appropriate access and enjoyment of those resources, work well with other cabinet agencies, and serve as a leader for DLNR's mission and dedicated staff.

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James Revells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Ms. Case.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan TenBruggencate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination (GM750) of Suzanne Case to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. With her background in conservation, law, detailed financial arrangements and management of a large organization, Ms. Case is uniquely qualified for this position. I have worked with Ms. Case and believe, importantly, that she also has the temperament and judgment to handle this difficult task. --Jan TenBruggencate, Kaua`i

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Janet Britt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in total support of Suzanne Case for Director of DLNR. She has been an outstanding director for TNC. I worked for TNC for 20 years in Wyoming and know only great things about Suzanne's love of the land and her ability to get things done. Excellent choice.

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Janet Goodmanson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Suzanne Case as the new chair of the DLNR. She has a solid background in support of sensible conservation. Mahalo.

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jason Hijirida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, Jason Hijirida, oppose the nomination of Suzanne Case as DLNR Chair. Her current position with The Nature Conservancy for 28 years will have a major factor in determining the future of the Hawaii Fisheries. She has a very one sided perspective being in the position as the glass half empty and not the glass half full. By this I mean she will want to close fisheries. She has already played a role in the permanent closure of Waimea to Pupukeya for fishing. That opened the area up for mostly tourists to go and scuba dive and go reef walking all the while, the fish populations were not in any danger. That took away the rights for local fishermen to go and fish a nice spot, which is safe and was very fishy! We don't need permanent closures, to manage our reefs. With Suzanne Case and her close ties with the Sierra Club, they can deliver a devastating blow to the available resources to the public on land and in the sea! By working in cahoots with other conservationists organizations with deep pockets, the working man/woman stand no chance at stopping these organizations from getting their private agenda passed through legislation. Governor Ige has shown no respect to the public by nominating people to this office with no regard to what it will do to its resources. First nomination was lobbyists for a land developer, Calvin Ching and the next a conservationists who heads The Nature Conservancy? We need someone in that office to share the views of both sides without bias. I don't feel with Mrs. Case's history, she will be able to fulfill the role without prejudice.

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Jeffrey N. Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

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Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Friday, April 17, 2015 – 2:45PM
State Capitol – Conference Room 224

Re: GM 750 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation
to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural
Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE CASE,
for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Committee Members:

I support the confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Board of Land and
Natural Resources.

I was privileged to serve on the board of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii
from 1988 to 2007, part of that as its chair, and on The Conservancy's
National Board of Governors from 1997 to 2003.

I have known and admired Suzanne Case as an extraordinary example of a
resource manager who was both dedicated to conservation and at the same
time, mindful of the pragmatic, respectful and non-confrontational steps
needed to accomplish long-term conservation goals. Those included working
cooperatively and collaboratively with government and the private sector.

It is my firm belief that the confirmation of Ms. Case will prove to be a wise
action reflecting favorably on this body.

Thank you very much for your favorable consideration of Ms. Case's
confirmation.

Aloha,


Jeffrey N. Watanabe

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Jennifer Taylor	Individual	Support	No

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I strongly support the nomination of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. In our beautiful island state, this role is key to our quality of life, our economy and our state's health ---and that of our children.

As a community member and volunteer who has worked for ten years with Suzanne in her role as head of The Nature Conservancy, I have witnessed firsthand how truly qualified she is for this position.

There should be no doubt that this critical role requires someone with extensive Hawaii environmental experience, not just managerial skills. Suzanne's leadership of a significant organization with far flung operations, extensive number of community volunteers and a large board of directors more than demonstrates her managerial skills. However, more than any other possible candidate, Suzanne has the strong knowledge of the conservation challenges in Hawaii and will bring practical solutions. She was born and raised here, has spent more than a decade working with local communities and can ensure that DLNR will take steps that are based in sound practices that suit our islands as well as in environmental science.

Over the many years I have worked with her, Suzanne has also proved many times that she is a balanced leader who is sensitive to diverse opinions in the community and can work equally well with the business community, residents, scientists and conservationists. She is a pragmatic leader who pursues practical achievable solutions. And she is an inspiring leader that good people want to follow.

There is simply no better choice for this critical position than Suzanne Case.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Taylor
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jerry lam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i strongly support the nomination of suzanne case for director of DLNR!

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Dear Senators,

4/14/15

I am writing a letter of strong support for the nomination of Suzanne Case to become the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii. I have known Suzanne for 20 years and have admired her lifelong work as Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy, the world's largest conservation organization.

In 2003, she oversaw the largest conservation land transaction in state history: the purchase of the 117,000-acre Kahuku Ranch at the southern end of Hawaii Island and its subsequent transfer to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. She has also overseen the acquisition of six Hawai'i Nature Conservancy preserves and the purchase of Palmyra Atoll, where the Conservancy manages a preserve and has built a research station that she also oversees.

The Hawaii Community Foundation honored Suzanne Case, as one of four recipients of the annual Ho'okele Award, a special recognition given to exceptional leaders in Hawai'i's nonprofit industry. She leads a staff of 76 people and manages an annual budget of \$1.1 million.

I have also known Suzanne as a homeowner on Tantalus where she is surrounded by conservation land. She uses catchment water judiciously, has been an active member of the Tantalus Community Association and Friends of Tantalus, and has supported our continual cleanup events on the mountain.

There is no question in my mind that she is passionate about the conservation and preservation of our aina and our water. She eats, lives and breathes nature! I strongly support her nomination to lead our State as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Department will be very fortunate to have her!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Suzanne Case!

With warm regards,

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Aloha Honorable Selection Committee,

April 13, 2015

I am very delighted and honored to write in favor of Suzanne Case as the new appointed Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I, and the entities I have founded (Pono Pacific and Kupu), have worked extensively with DLNR and Ms. Case at The Nature Conservancy. I also interned and got my start in the conservation field at DLNR. Having that vantage point of being engaged with DLNR and having worked with DLNR for years, I am truly excited that the Department would have such a solid leader in Ms. Case.

As you know, DLNR manages the largest land holdings in our state with only about 1% of our state's budget. To compound the challenges, Hawaii has many invasive species and large percentage of the listed threatened & endangered species in the United States (more than any other state). Yet, our natural resources sustain life throughout our communities and create an important base for our economy, as tourism and other industries require healthy resources and destination appeal to flourish. With limited financial resources and a large kuleana, DLNR needs leadership that is progressive, highly capable, and respected to create solutions and to preserve Hawaii's important resources. I believe Ms. Case represents all of these.

Through her time at TNC she developed innovative ways to accomplish tasks, creating private-public partnerships to manage resources and leverage funding. She worked intimately with DLNR and grew the watershed partnerships that TNC was involved in. These partnerships required collaboration not only with DLNR, but also with many large property owners in our state. She has also grown the TNC team over her tenure and brought in financial and other resources to expand TNC's reach in Hawaii and beyond. Currently the TNC budget has grown to over \$11 million per year under her stewardship. She also is well respected in the conservation community and beyond. She has a genuine love for Hawaii, its people, and its resources. I have worked intimately with her on projects as we built bridges within the community together on sensitive topics. At the end of the project, many who originally opposed the conservation project, once they understood it, were providing food and drinks to our team working to protect the resources.

I believe that Ms. Case will serve our state and DLNR with diligence and heart. I highly recommend her for this position and hope you agree with me and vote affirmatively for her appointment.

Mahalo,


John Leong

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John M Cummings III	Individual	Support	No

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Dear sirs-

I am writing this TO/FROM in SUPPORT of nominating Suzanne Case for the position of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Since joining the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii in 1987 Ms. Case has done an outstanding job managing a huge network of forest and coastal reserves for the organization. Her works were just recently acknowledged by Hawaii Community Foundation with the presentation of a Ho'okele Award recognizing her leadership.

Our native forests, our oceans and all of the indigenous and endemic wildlife need a person like Suzanne Case to be their champion. I could not have picked a more deserving person for this most important position within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I give Ms. Case my highest support.

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John Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I offer my strong support for Suzanne Case's nomination to be the chair of the BLNR Mahalo, John

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Katada	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jonathan Likeke Scheuer	Individual	Support	Yes

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April 15, 2015

Senate Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Support of GM 750, Nomination of Suzanne Case as a Chair, Board of Land and Natural Resources
to be heard on Friday April 17, 2015 at 2:45 p.m. in Room 224

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer and I am testifying in **support** of the nomination of Ms. Suzanne Case as the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). I have asked friends and colleagues what characteristics they think would be ideal for this person, who will be the Chair of BLNR and the Water Commission, Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and serve as our State Historic Preservation Officer. To summarize what they suggested:

- **Experience with the Legislature** - established relationships and experience briefing and testifying
- **Policy knowledge** - policy knowledge of the constitutional provisions, laws, rules, and case law related to the management of natural and cultural resources and Hawaiian rights. Relevant subjects of law and policy include those regarding Public Trust, the water code, the leasing of state lands, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Endangered Species Act, and state and federal historic preservation laws
- **Dispute management and resolution** - ideally around natural or cultural resources, and demonstrated success with resolving or reducing conflict and dealing with difficult issues and personalities
- **Supervisory experience** - at a minimum having multiple direct reports within a large and complex organization
- **On-the-ground or in-the-sea experience** - hands on work in management of natural and cultural resources
- **Kua`āina relationships** - Expansive and extensive relationships across Hawai`i with people and communities who care for natural and cultural resources
- **Sustainable revenue generation** - Successful experience in revenue generation from resources, especially generation that does not harm, protects or even enhances other resource values
- **Smarts & Courage** - The intellect, courage, and communication skills to advocate for needed protection of resources, even when there is tremendous pressure to do otherwise.

I believe if you review her resume and question her, you will see that Ms. Case has skills and experience related to all of these characteristics. I strongly encourage you to support her nomination.

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.

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GM750

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I would like to express my strong support for Suzanne Case's appointment to the position of Director of the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources. I am certain that she will serve in this most important position with excellence and honor. I look forward to serving with her on CWRM. Warmest Aloha, Jonathan Starr kalepa, Kaupo, Maui

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Judith Michaels	Individual	Support	No

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Julie Abel	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Ah Mai	Individual	Support	No

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Kathleen Sakamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: McCandless Ranch strongly supports the nomination of Suzanne Case for the position of Chairperson DLNR. Ms. Case has proven her strong leadership skills in the difficult arena of balancing conservation with economic development and private property rights.

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GM750

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekoa Kaluhiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF KEKOA KALUHIWA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF HAWAI'I

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 750

APRIL 17, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, SUZANNE CASE

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kekoa Kaluhiwa and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources testifying in my personal capacity. I strongly support Suzanne Case's nomination for Department Chairperson.

The mission of the Department is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawai'i's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawai'i nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors." Suzanne has shown her commitment to this mission throughout her career.

With nearly 28 years of service with the Nature Conservancy, I believe that Suzanne's wide range of experience in land acquisition, watershed management, and coastal restoration makes her a highly qualified candidate for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Her experience in managing Hawai'i's natural resources through collaborative means with both the public and private sectors will greatly help the Department in fulfilling its mission with the limited resources it has. As Deputy Director, I stand by ready to assist and support Suzanne as she prepares to lead the Department.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelson Poepoe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Confirmation Committee, My name is Kelson " Mac " Poepoe and I have been the resource manager for Hui Malama O Mo'omomi on the island of Molokai for over 20 years. During this time and involvement with stewardship projects throughout the state I've had the opportunity to meet Suzanne on several occasions. Because of her dedication and knowledge in the protection,conservation,and management of our precious natural resources she is highly qualified for the chairmanship of the Dept. Of Land And Natural Resources. I support her confirmation and I ask that the committee consider her confirmation as well. Mahalo nui loa. Mac Poepoe

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kendall j.h. wong	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Ms. Suzanne Case should not be allowed as a DLNR chairperson because she is the direct opposite of Mr. Carlton Ching. there needs to be someone that is neutral when it comes to issues that the land board faces.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kolby Proctor	Individual	Oppose	No

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GM750

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kurt Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is a need to maintain our local culture and tradition in Hawaii. Fishing, hunting, and cultural gathering rights are part of what makes Hawaii unique and sustains the local population. This nomination will not provide leadership without prejudice and predetermined agendas that will change Hawaii forever and further the loss of our local culture of providing locally sourced necessities for our families and the State.

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GM750

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kurt Taguma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Senators, Please consider what a one sided appointment it would be to have Ms. Case as our new DLNR head. She has been doing terrible mismanagement of the peoples resources here in Hawaii. From bilking people out of their land to one sided decisions for hunters and fishermen. I know some people(eco groups and Nature Conservancy) had opposed Carlton Ching as the new DLNR head, but he at the least had good management skills and background to lead such a big and influential department. I 100% OPPOSE Ms. Case's nomination. Please do not let this go further so our future generations do not have to pay for this gross mistake! Aloha, Kurt Taguma

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kyle furutani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This individuals conflict of interest no different from Carlton chings case?
I oppose Suzanne Case's nomination.

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LANCE TANINO	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Berthold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Suzanne Case. She has the qualifications for the position with the experience, skills, and dedication to serve us well. She has knowledge about land and resource management issues in the islands, having worked on these issues for decades.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne Case will be an excellent leader of DLNR. She knows administration, she knows the mountains and the seas, she is local, she CARES about Hawaii. IMUA!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and Mahalo for allowing me to testify via the internet from Lihue, Kauai. I would like to express my strong support for Ms. Suzanne Case for the office of Director for the Department of Land & Natural Resources. DLNR is a huge responsibility and I believe Ms. Case has the experience to do the job. Let the Hilo girl have a chance to shine! Imua!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Tom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Suzanne for 20 years or so. Her career work thus far, knowledge, respect of her peers, and a devout love of our aina and commitment to our sustainable future make her an excellent choice for Director of Land and Natural Resources. Please vote to confirm her! Aloha, Laurie K.S. Tom, M.D.

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Date and Time of hearing: Friday, April 17, 2015 @ 2:45 pm in conference room 224

I will not be testifying.

Testimony:

We are strongly opposed to accepting any nominee that is or has been affiliated with any group(s) or organization(s) that express (imply) a bias in decision making. Ms Case most definitely supports the ideals of The Nature Conservancy and just as Mr Chings' association with developers created mistrust in his ability to manage the DLNR fairly so is the situation with Ms Cases' nomination. Please reject Ms Cases' nomination and encourage Governor Ige to nominate someone with a strong management background that is open minded and humble enough to put in place knowledgeable people and enable each division within the DLNR to make decisions that are culturally sensitive and economically sensible, based on input from all concerned parties and science (real research). Most importantly, because DLNR is responsible for the MANAGEMENT of our resources (NOT preserving or developing our resources) Ms Cases' nomination should be withdrawn for the same reason(s) Mr Chings' nomination was withdrawn!

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard K Yamada

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Linda Paul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support confirmation of Suzanne Case as DLNR Chair

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Friday, April 17, 2015
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

GM 750 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee SUZANNE CASE

My name is Linda Paul and I am testifying in SUPPORT of the confirmation of SUZANNE CASE as the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. I have known Ms Case for many years and am very familiar with her successful efforts to preserve Hawaii's natural resources for current and future generations, which is the primary mission of DLNR. She has the management expertise, the education and the broad experience needed to manage this huge department.

Please confirm her appointment as Chair of DLNR.

Thank you,
Linda Paul Esq.
President of the Hawaii Audubon Society
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Lisa Yanagisawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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lloyd	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Contadictory in office.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am strongly opposed to this nomination. Governor Ige has shown extremely poor judgment in selecting, first, a nominee with ties to a big development company as a lobbyist and then has gone to the other extreme end of the spectrum with a nature conservationist? Governor Ige has created such a huge controversy with this position, and continues to do so with this retaliatory nomination. We, the people, deserve better selections with his resources to tap into. Why select someone with questionable ties to big land development, then swing wide and select a conservationist? Governor Ige should be listening to the people and selecting someone who is much more moderate in their positions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Lori Buchanan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Support GM 750

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Testimony for: **GM 750**

April 16, 2015

From: Lori Buchanan
P.O. Box 133
Hoolehua, Hawaii 96729

Dear Senators,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Governor Ige's nomination of **Ms. SUZANNE CASE** to chair the **Department of Land and Natural Resources**.

I have had the honor of working with Director Case for the past 15 years in the field of conservation. Under her leadership of The Hawaii chapter of The Nature Conservancy, I was welcomed as a volunteer and learned a great deal about all aspects of conservation.

Suzanne Case and The Nature Conservancy welcomed my volunteerism wholeheartedly, and treated me as family.

As a volunteer I was privy to all training TNC afforded its own staff. I learned about Landscape management, developed administrative and supervisory skills and learned solid scientific field methodologies and planning.

After spending much time under the mentorship of TNC's Weed Specialist, I became the first invasive species field and outreach worker through the University of Hawaii on Molokai.

Director Case continued to offer support to myself and the Molokai/Maui Invasive Species Committee's work on Molokai through their Molokai Program Office.

At times my convictions as a community advocate have put me in direct conflict with some of TNC's land management strategies and actions. I have spoken very publically and privately in opposition to several of those management actions and while I expected to be ostracized for my convictions I was not. Instead, I was listened to, taken seriously, and in the end, if we did not have a compromise than we continued to be respectful of each other's position knowing that we still needed to work together to protect our resources.

I am confident, as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ms. Suzanne Case will lead with the same wisdom, compassion and professionalism that have made her work in Hawaii most respected. Please confirm Ms. Case's confirmation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

Lori Buchanan
Molokai

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GM750

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please accept this as strong support for the nominee. This nomination makes sense, a welcome u turn from the previous nominee. i look forward to seeing great things from DLNR with Ms. Case at the helm. lynne matusow

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this Appointment. We fishermen have been fighting with the Nature Conservancy for years. We have asked for balance within the DLNR and have not gotten it. This appointment is the opposite end of the spectrum. She is directly responsible for taking humans out of the equation of management. Hunters and fishermen no longer have access to resources throughout the state. Which is why many individuals have started to group together to fight. They and the Nominee are responsible for taking food away from people. Here are some questions that shed light on the current nominee. 1. Actions by TNC promote the idea that nature needs to be protected from man, in Hawai`i the resources are conserved for the benefit of the people and public access is a hallmark of Hawaii's management of their natural resources. After 28 years with TNC, the largest and wealthiest environmental group in the US, will Ms Case be able to render unbiased decisions that favor the general public rather than her former employer, their 1,900 corporate sponsors and the Hawai`i TNC Board made up of representatives from Alexander & Baldwin, Goldman Sachs & Co., Koa Capital Partners, Worldview Technology Partners, Zep Solar, Hawaiian Electric Industries, and Cook Pine Capital? 2. The former nominee was denied the nomination because of his employment with a Castle & Cooke, a developer. Ms Case is employed by TNC. What makes her more qualified to head a department the size, complexity, cultural and social diversity of DLNR? Hawaii resources are managed for the benefit of all the people. DLNR is arguably the most powerful agency in the State of Hawaii. The consequences of DLNR actions are significant. TNC has been adept in avoiding political debate by being silent and avoiding controversy. They have been careful not to enter in issues that would alienate their supporters and corporate sponsors. By confirming Ms. Case is the state welcoming in their 1,900 corporate sponsors to weigh-in on Hawai`i real estate, natural and cultural resource issues?
<http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/printgroupProfile.asp?grpId=7221> 3. Ms. Case is employed by The Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy is a land acquisition operation that acquires land and then sells it to the government for a profit. To accomplish their stated goal of "conserving plants, animals and natural communities" for biodiversity TNC purchases private lands and thereafter either maintains ownership of the property or sells it. The land is sold, usually at greatly inflated rates, to the federal government or a state government. TNC claims that as

of September 2003 it had "protected," in this manner, 15 million acres in the United States and an additional 102 million acres worldwide. TNC purchased 14,200 acres of swampland in Georgia. After acquiring the land, valued at around \$7 million, in 2002, TNC proceeded to sell it to the state of Georgia for \$20 million. Is this the regime we want in place in Hawai'i giving it control of land acquisition and disposal through the DLNR? 4. The Nature Conservancy demonstrated their game management policy as a fence, snare, and eradicate stratagem in Hawaii. This contradicts resource management for the beneficial use and enjoyment of Hawaii's people. While we cannot turn back the clock on introduction of non-native, invasive species, we can manage our resources for conservation and offer an opportunity to benefit the general public. TNC, in typical authoritarian colonial practice, imposes their own draconian invasive species policy. Her organization has consistently rejected outright, proposed strategies and solutions to game management using hired hunters in an attempt to eradicate feral animals from public hunting areas. This in effect took some nutritional options off the table for the population that is most dependent on this source of food. For the hunting issues and with regard to the public hunting and public participation, how will Ms. Case resolve these issues in a public transparent fashion and how will she address her long association with the draconian invasive species management of the TNC? 5. The community of Hualalai wanted to partner with TNC on a marine management plan for a 10 year ban on fishing at Ka`upulehu. TNC worked with the community for three years to make that possible with invited scientists and public discussion. A decision was made to close 3.5 miles of coast from Kukio to Kiholo Bay. When the greater Kona community heard about the initiative they asked to see the research that led to this decision and Hualalai would not share the information. The question here is one of transparency: a private entity may hold information as propriety, a public entity's actions must be transparent. Is this how Ms. Case would approach the Chapter 91 rule-making process required by DLNR? Will this be the way the public is treated with Ms. Case in charge of DLNR? Will the public get to see the research and data? Or will it be handled as proprietary information about public resources? 6. Denying public access to favor a small group has been one of the benchmarks of TNC activity in the public domain. They at one time called themselves "Nature's Real Estate Agent." With control of public lands, Crown Lands, Ceded lands in control of DLNR, giving TNC an inroad to these lands does not seem like a good idea. 7. One of the many issues with DLNR are the month to month leases and year to year leases that small businesses in Hilo have with DLNR. For example the Kanoiehua Industrial Area Association sued and won but the DLNR still has not followed the court ruling to lengthen the leases at the Kanoiehua Industrial Area. These small businesses have to regularly ask for extension of leases from the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Businesses on month to month and year to year leases cannot make needed improvements for their businesses. How will Ms. Case help these small businesses? Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Thank you Makani Christensen Fisherman

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Submitted on: 4/14/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark McGuffie	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria! Please find attached supporting testimony for the confirmation of Suzanne Case to become the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mahalo Respectfully submitted Mark McGuffie

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April 14, 2015

Senator Laura H. Thielen
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chair, Committee on Water and Land
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Conference Room 224
Confirmation Hearing: GM 750 for Suzanne Case as
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria!

I am submitting my testimony as a private citizen, in strong support of Suzanne Case to be confirmed as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

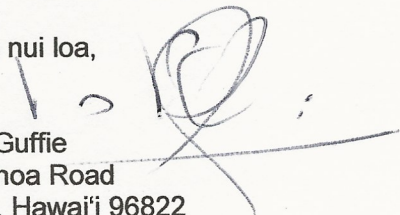
Over the years as Executive Director, Hawai'i Program of The Nature Conservancy, Suzanne has demonstrated the critical leadership required to address important statewide and Pacific Island issues, while collaborating with multiple agencies both federally and locally.

Suzanne's actions have translated into numerous positive outcomes pertaining to land use, the protection of flora and fauna from ridge to reef, reforestation and food and energy security. She has a strong connection and appreciation for our bio-cultural diversity in Hawai'i and thoroughly explores how to achieve healthier lands and oceans, through conservation efforts within our fragile ecosystems.

Personally, I am a staff member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which is based in Gland, Switzerland. The Nature Conservancy is an active member of IUCN and Suzanne was instrumental in supporting the bid effort to bring the next World Conservation Congress to Hawai'i in September 2016. This will be the first time ever in the United States in IUCN's 68 year history, a landmark worldwide event bringing delegates from over 160 nations.

I respectfully ask that you confirm Suzanne Case as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo a nui loa,


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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marlene Orr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please pick someone else besides Ms. Case for this position. Someone with more experience with hunting and game management would be preferred.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martha Jellings	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I very strongly oppose the nomination of Suzanne Case.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Hoeflinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am against this nomination. The people of Hawaii deserve a fair and balanced chairperson to lead DLNR.

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Mehana Vaughan	Individual	Support	No

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April 13, 2015

Aloha Senators,

I am writing to support Suzanne Case's nomination as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She brings the following qualifications that make her an excellent fit for this unique position:

- Solid legal background
- Many years working in conservation in Hawai'i
- Experience in leadership roles that have required her to work, not only in the private sector, but with government and community partners at many levels
- Incisive intelligence and ability to synthesize diverse sources of information
- A calm and level headed demeanor which makes her effective at seeking and finding solutions
- Love for Hawai'i's environment through growing up here and dedicating time to exploring and learning outdoors in our unique island home.

I have the utmost respect for the nominee and am confident that she thoroughly understands both the responsibilities and challenges of this position. I am grateful both to Governor Ige for making such a sound selection, and for her willingness to serve. Please vote to confirm Suzanne Case as DLNR chair. Mahalo to each of you for your time and service to our Hawai'i community. Mahalo also for taking the time to listen.

'O au iho no me ke aloha,

Mehana Blaich Vaughan, PhD Environmental Studies
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Assistant Professor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin OS Chung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i am opposed to the confirmation of MS. Case as the chairman of the dlnc. I feel that she will not do a fair and impartial job as chairman as she is too strongly allied to the nature conservancy - just as the governor's previously unsuccessful appointee was closely allied with developers. MS. Case's confirmation will have a devastating effect on our subsistence lifestyle here of Molokai. i urge the committee not to recommend her confirmation. Mahalo, Melvin Chung

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Michael Buck	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony on Behalf of GM 750 – Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE CASE

April 17, 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Suzanne Case as the next Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. My name is Michael G. Buck. I am the former State Forester and Wildlife Director for the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) from 1989-2004 and worked for the agency for 28 years. I am currently serving on the State Water Commission. I've worked with seven DLNR chairpersons in my professional career.

Any successful DLNR Chairperson will eventually need the following knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Innovative and proactive leadership skills.
- Excellent facilitation/conflict resolution skills with public relations/business negotiation abilities.
- Knowledge in a diverse range of natural resource fields such as wildlife, watershed, oceans and fisheries management, outdoor recreation, invasive species, historic preservation, and conservation biology.
- Cultural sensitivity and understanding of native Hawaii issues.
- Ability to fund raise, manage a complex budget with organizational management/supervisory skills.
- Knowledge of Federal and State of Hawaii environmental, natural resource, and ocean laws and regulations.
- Experience in financial asset/grants management, real estate transactions, and liability issues.
- Ability to develop and implement natural resource policy and legislation.
- Experience in multi-agency and partnership development in both public and private sectors.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find anyone who can walk in the door on day one with that complete set of knowledge, skills and abilities. You become a great DLNR Chairperson by building upon what you know, inspiring and empowering the dedicated employees at DLNR, while earning the respect of a diverse range of stakeholders with honesty, fairness, and a heart-felt commitment to sustaining Hawaii's land and natural resources. I have known and worked with Suzanne Case for many years and believe that she can be a great DLNR chairperson.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael J. Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou! I am writing in support of the nomination of Suzanne Case for chair of the DLNR. I have known Suzanne for over forty (40) years and have witnessed her leadership abilities first hand. I truly believe that her thoughtfulness is a critical skill for this position at a vital Department. To quote the Pacific Business News editorial "Case has the experience, skills and perspective that the state needs to lead one of its most important departments." I strongly urge you all to vote for her confirmation. Me ka ha'a ha'a, Michael J. Green

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Michael Orr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please consider another person as an option for this position.

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michael Spalding	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Suzanne Case for DLNR Chair. She has a proven track record as an excellent administrator leading TNC for 14 years. She has the best interest of the state and will make PONO decisions. She is decisive and will not be delaying her decision making. please support her nomination. Michael Spalding Maui

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Michelle Clark	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Chang	Individual	Support	No

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Nathan Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony in Support of GM750

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE CASE, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Dear Senators Cynthia Thielen and Brickwood Galuteria,

I support the nomination of Suzanne Case to Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

For the past 18 years I have been hiking to remote parts of the Hawaiian Islands to photograph the native plants and animals of Hawaii, many of them endangered. I have a blog – HawaiianForest.Com which documents some of the rarest biological treasures of Hawaii.

I have known Suzanne Case during her tenure as Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii. A review of her resume reveals that she is well qualified to manage the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the State of Hawaii. Over the years Suzanne Case has lead numerous initiatives to conserve the land, protect the oceans, and promote the recovery of many endangered plants and animals.

Do not allow hunters to derail Suzanne Case's nomination. Some hunters oppose Suzanne Case's nomination because fences are being erected to protect the most pristine habitats for native plants and animals from pigs, goats, deer, and other ungulates. These hunters prioritize their own hunting interests above everyone else. Pristine native forests must be managed to retain and capture drinking water for the people of Hawaii. Allowing game animals into pristine native forests are a bad management practice that will compromise the ability of the land to capture and store water in a time of growing climate change uncertainty.

Hunting currently is and should be allowed in areas where introduced plants dominate the landscape which are the largest part of Hawaii's forest reserves. But the most pristine native sections should be protected from ungulates so they do not uproot and erode the land, which seriously degrades its ability to retain water.

Suzanne Case is well versed in good land management practices. Her qualifications and passion to protect and conserve our most vital resources speak for themselves. I wholeheartedly support Suzanne Case to be the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully yours,



Nathan Yuen

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neil kanemoto	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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April 10, 2015

RE: Testimony in opposition to GM750, Nomination of Suzanne Case to head DLNR

Honorable Chair Laura Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Senators of the WTL Committee:

I oppose the appointment of Ms. Suzanne Case to head our Department of Land and Natural Resources, a position which also serves as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Case was the longtime head of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) who along with companion environmental groups once opposed and killed a bill that required sound science to make marine management decisions as she described in her own words “unattainable level of assessment as to create artificial, insurmountable obstacles to effective management.”. I find it appalling that the State Division of Aquatics, along with the Federal Fisheries agencies NMFS and WESPAC were able to work with a group of fishermen which succeeded in attaining such “*unattainable* levels of assessment” yet she wasn’t even willing to engage with the user groups asking for such ‘sound science’ to find out how it could be done. How can someone with those views of opposing sound science be placed in a position that requires such to make rational decisions that benefit the good of all the stakeholders involved?

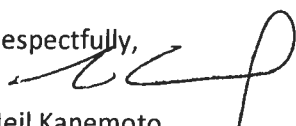
This along with her long-time association with the TNC, compels me to believe that she could not remain un-biased in a decision-making process that would involve extraction whether it be from the ocean or land as various aspects of our Hawaii communities rely on such for recreation, food and sustenance or income.

Furthermore, by confirming Ms. Case as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, you will have de-facto handed over our public lands and waters which should benefit of *all* users, to the largest private land trust in the nation known for prohibiting access from user groups with intentions of harvesting or extracting resources sustainably.

In closing, I would like to add that to reject the previous nominee Carlton Ching because of the environmental-public outcry connecting him to development and favor an individual on the EXTREME opposite end of the spectrum would be the epitome of hypocrisy, in essence, the pot calling the kettle a pot. I humbly ask of the Senate Committee to oppose this nomination.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Respectfully,



Neil Kanemoto

Honolulu, HI

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Nick Morris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose. She is not in the best interest of cultural practices

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owen kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paahana Kincaid	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia I Crandall	Individual	Support	No

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April 13, 2015

Patricia I Crandall
4670 Pohakuloa Rd
Maunaloa, HI 96770

Re: Nomination of Suzanne Case for DLNR Chair

Dear Senators:

The confirmation of Ms. Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources would be a tremendous step forward for Hawaii. Her extensive management experience with The Nature Conservancy, her adeptness at negotiations, her understanding of business-environmental partnerships and her commitment to excellence and hard work are only some of her fine attributes.

Thank you in advance for confirming the nomination of Suzanne Case.

Aloha,

Patricia I Crandall

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paul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: conflict of interest

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am pleased to say that I have the privilege of knowing and respecting Ms. Suzanne Case for over 6 years. Her exemplary work and passion for The Nature Conservancy was, and is, an inspiration to all who care about the aina. So many of us endorse her enthusiasm, dedication and brilliant mind. These talents were put to great use at the Nature Conservancy. Imagine what she will contribute to DLNR. Suzanne, as Director of DLNR, will nurture, promote and protect what is good for Hawaii, its land and people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Grace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly disagree because it is a conflict of interest to have her serve on the Nature Conservancy and DLNR at the same time. It would not be fair to the people of Hawaii.

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Randal T. Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina K. Kawamoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I greatly support the selection of Suzanne Case as Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Her background shows that she cares about the perpetuation of our unique native ecosystems and is willing to work with other agencies and locals alike. Please select Suzanne Case for the Director for Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources

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renee n katada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: conflict of interest to have her serve for the nature conservancy and DLNR at the same time

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rhys grace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly disagree and oppose this

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Hoeflinger	Individual	Oppose	No

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April 12, 2015

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Testimony Opposing Confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chairperson,
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chairperson Thielen, Vice-Chairperson Galuteria, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

From leadership roles with a number of organizations in the Hawaii hunting community, as author of a draft Game Management Plan for the Island of Hawaii, and as a former Member of the Natural Area Reserves Commission, I have interfaced with the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the past 20 years. Based on that experience, and a previous 30 years in management in a 'high tech' company, I would describe the Department as dysfunctional, and desperately in need of effective leadership and management.

The DLNR is Oahu-centric, and has consistently ignored the needs of other island residents. It is staffed with overzealous 'environmentalists' to the exclusion of other constituencies. The Department lacks organization and long range planning, balanced and achievable goals, citizen participation, and employment of modern technology.

DLNR Chair nominee Suzanne Case has a long term relationship with The Nature Conservancy. While such a background may have provided experience in organizational management, Ms. Case and her organization actively promote aerial eradication of Hawaii's game resources, and the barbarous and inhumane practice of pig snaring, both of which are opposed by Hawaii Island residents. The Nature Conservancy objective is to acquire large parcels of land and eliminate the animal resources they contain. No previous discussions have ever altered their positions on these matters.

It is hoped the Water and Land Committee will carefully consider Ms. Case's ability to impartially direct a Department responsible for hunting rules, seasons, bag limits, licenses, designated hunting areas, enforcement, habitat preservation and improvement, and shooting range development in the context of her long-held 'environmental' background and beliefs.

It is respectfully suggested Ms. Case is not the right person for the job, and the State needs to look elsewhere for the objective assistance it needs in operating the Department, and that its citizens deserve.

Richard Hoeflinger
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Richard S "Rick" Towill	Individual	Support	Yes

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April 16, 2015

Senator Laura H. Thielen
Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Vice Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Hearing on GM750
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members,

Please accept my over whelming support for Suzanne Case as the Governors nominee for Chair of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. We have known, admired and have worked closely with Suzanne's strident leadership at the Nature Conservancy; in particular with their Palmyra Atoll, and Kaneohe bay invasive limu eradication programs. She is intelligent, thoughtful in her evaluation, and is able to think and act quickly with calmness. Together with the Kekoa Kaluhiwa (another outstanding individual), Suzanne will undoubtedly bring discussion and resolve, to the many heated Land and Water issues that have more recently divided our community.

Please confirm Suzanne to this position and mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of her nomination!

Malama Kou Kino,
Richard S."Rick" Towill
President, Towill Tractec, Inc.
Chair, Windward Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Spacer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha: I SUPPORT the nomination of Suzanne Case for Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Richard Spacer Kauai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Warshauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I enthusiastically urge you to confirm Suzanne Case as the next Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Case has a stellar background to prepare her for the position. Her education and background with The Nature Conservancy has prepared her well with the skills, knowledge of the issues, and personal contacts for the position. She has a reputation for working well with her staff and for getting their knowledge and view of issues as they arise, a pattern that will assist in rapid integration into the challenges that face the department on a daily basis. Mahalo, Rick Warshauer, Volcano

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COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair

Hearing in Room 224, 17APRIL2015, 2:45 PM

Good Day Senators.

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Ms. Case has a stellar background to prepare her for the position. Her education and background with The Nature Conservancy has prepared her well with the skills, knowledge of the issues, and personal contacts for the position. She has a reputation for working well with her staff and for getting their knowledge and view of issues as they arise, a pattern that will assist in rapid integration into the challenges that face the department on a daily basis.

Mahalo,

Rick Warshauer, Volcano

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Robert Okuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ms. Case is not a good candidate for consideration

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Robert Shallenberger	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Dr. Robert Shallenberger

Supporting GM750 Suzanne Case in confirmation for
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Monday, April 17, 2015 at 2:45 pm, Conference Room 224

My name is Robert Shallenberger. I have worked as a conservation biologist in Hawaii for more than 30 years. I have also been a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for more than six years. In addition, I was employed by the Nature Conservancy for seven years as the Hawaii Island Conservation Director. I am an enthusiastic hunter, fisher and wildlife photographer.

I support the nomination of Ms. Case to the DLNR, Chairperson position without reservation. Her experience as State Director of the Hawaii Nature Conservancy has prepared her well to assume a critically important leadership role within State government. She is an exceptional listener, a skill that will help her to work effectively on highly controversial issues. Ms. Case is also highly regarded as a manager and supervisor. She has also demonstrated her ability and her personal commitment to work with diverse interests. She is particularly respected for her understanding of, and sensitivity to, issues of concern to the Hawaiian community. I believe that Ms. Case will be a very effective representative of the Department in her interaction with the Legislature, with academia, with the media and with the business community.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination.

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Roberts Leinau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A good well qualified choice!

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Ronald Tam	Individual	Oppose	No

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TESTIMONY OPPOSING CONFIRMATION OF
MS. SUZANNE CASE TO LEAD THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

(April 2015)

This is to oppose the confirmation of Ms. Suzanne Case to lead the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

All the arguments that resulted in the withdrawal of Mr. Carleton Ching's nomination remain; only, in reverse. Recognizing that the dominant basis of the arguments against Mr. Ching stemmed from his lobbyist background, the same applies, if not more so, for Ms. Case. She, as the Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, clearly presents a bias that cannot be ignored or discounted. The same as with Mr. Ching, except on the other side of the pendulum swing.

My read of her interview with Dennis Oda of the StarAdvertiser leaves no doubt in my mind that she has, at best, a weak understanding of or cares for statistical and science based decision making, peer reviewed science, root cause(s) of habitat change, and seeking a balance between Hawaii's natural resources and land use development. This absence of balance is of major concern.

During her interview, she refers to "communal management" and "community." These phrases are "pop-ups"/convenient", in my opinion. At question is: "What is the legal definition of "community" as it relates to Hawaii lands and natural resources? This issue remains unresolved and will become more significant in the immediate future.

From the StarAdvertiser: "Case joined the Nature Conservancy in 1987 and took the helm of the group in 2001." She has been directly associated with the Nature Conservancy for just shy of 30 years. Who has paid her salary all those years? The

concerns applicable to Mr. Ching similarly apply to Ms. Case. She lacks experience in managing a large organization of 900 people; she lacks experience in managing a multi-million dollar budget; she lacks broad-based experience; she lacks government experience; and arguably, she will be agenda driven.

Further, the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), one of three divisions within DLNR has had no permanent, full-time leader for more than a decade except for about six months in 2014. That individual resigned and now has re-applied for the position. How will Ms. Case fill the DAR void? It is clear that she will need someone knowledgeable and experienced in that area. From the StarAdvertiser interview: “Unfortunately we have an ethic of catching the big fish, but the big fish are the ones that produce exponentially more eggs, and healthier eggs. So if you take out the big fish, you’re wiping out the next generation. So somehow we need to come back to a way to protect the fish...” No mention of sustainable fishing; that Hawaii fishermen fish responsibly. No recognition that Hawaii fishermen do not overfish because they understand the value of perpetuating the food source. Who will she select as the head of DAR? Another agenda driven individual?

Clearly, non-confirmation of Ms. Case's nomination to lead DLNR is appropriate.

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April 10, 2015

RE: GM750

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Governor's Nominee for Chair of the DLNR

Aloha Honorable Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate WTL Committee

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition to the appointment of Ms. Suzanne Case to the position of Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. While reading her Resume, I noted that the TNC is a science-based organization and found it hypocritical that the TNC and other environmental organizations in Hawaii rose against and killed a bill introduced by the fishing community in Hawaii advocating for the requirement of peer reviewed contemporary science and analysis of empirical science to establish the baseline status of our aquatic natural resources from which to effectively and sustainably manage them and not rely simply on surveys and anecdotal assessments.

Ms. Case and the TNC tout their accomplishments of securing natural resources such as the Palmyra Atoll for future generations when in fact they create playgrounds for the richest in America to "play" with what we in the islands call food. See: <http://www.sweatywaders.com/2008/04/palmyra-atoll/>

And I highlight, *"Our guests arrived the next day, and over the course of the next few days, we caught some remarkable fish. The highlights included an 80 pound Trevally on a popper, 4 bonefish over 10 pounds, and several Tuna to keep us ankle deep in what has become an increasingly guilty pleasure, Sashimi. - See more at: <http://www.sweatywaders.com/2008/04/palmyra-atoll/#sthash.24izTo6p.dpuf>"*

Securing land and sea resources for the rich and famous to fuel their coffers is again extremely hypocritical and a slap in the face to the people of Hawaii.

Secondly, I am advised by those knowledgeable of the legislative process that this is a done deal as the Senate will never deny a Governor's second nominee to an appointed position. This is worrisome as it stacks the deck so to speak against those in our community who find a subsequent nominee less than qualified for the position.

Her tenure with the TNC provides for questionable bias by the nature of the organization she heads giving many in the community a great concern about a fair and equitable assessment of the direction and leadership of the department. In the 28 years with the TNC Ms. Case lacks the real-life people management skills required of a department like the DLNR. She has overseen a small staff and a community with the same disposition as hers and dealt with any opposition with the extraordinary legal and environmental community resources available to mute those voices of opposing views.

I pray that the Senate Committee on WTL critically vet the qualifications of this nominee and ask the Governor to offer another nominee to ensure that we are entrusting direction and management the Department of Land and Natural Resources to an individual who can truly be a fair and impartial administrator best representative of all the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to share my voice in this process.

Respectfully yours,

Roy N. Morioka

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RS Weir	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please consider that the previous nominee was ultimately rejected because of his alleged bias towards development. The current nominee, Ms Case, appears to be no less biased and agenda driven. The Nature Conservancy is an organization bitterly opposed to wise use of resources and an opponent of private property rights. One can only assume that this will be the motivation behind all of her decisions if she is confirmed. Therefor I ask that she not be confirmed. RS Weir
Kapaa, Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please have nominee Case address all potential or perceived conflicts of interest by resigning from the Nature Conservancy and be subject to financial disclosure statutes for boards and commission members. Also address switching roles from a preservation-based organization to a public position and balancing preservation and conservation objectives. Also resolving conflicts when preservation and conservation conflict. I'm sure she has extensive knowledge of the above items and can address them relatively easily.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam and Mary Cooke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria! Please find attached supporting testimony for GM750 to confirm Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural resources. Mahalo, Sam and Mary Cooke

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Chair, Committee on Water and Land
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
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Conference Room 224
Confirmation Hearing: GM 750 for Suzanne Case as
Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria!

We are submitting testimony in strong support of Suzanne Case to be confirmed as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

In our opinion she is the perfect person for the job and we endorse her 100%.

We respectfully ask that you confirm Suzanne Case as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Yours sincerely,



Sam and Mary Cooke
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Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Well qualified. I personally support this nomination.

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Shanna Sato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest

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Shanti Devi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nominee Suzanne Case for DLNR Chairperson. Please consider her experience in management of a land trust organization and confirm her nomination. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Appointing Suzanne Case of The Nature Conservancy who is the director for 28 or some what years is not a smart decision for Hawaii. The people who live here don't deserve to have their lands and oceans become preserved. How can we trust that Suzanne Case will make smart decisions and non biased considering her ties with The Nature Conservancy. The federal government is working very hard to make sure they grab as much land and oceans. Why? So they can turn around and sell it for money. Rich non profits like this one doesn't deserve Hawaii's help not do we need their help. I say stay out of Hawaii and especially stay out of our politics. The late Daniel Inouye was a good man. He was sick of NOAA and all the environmental radicals in Hawaii. He personally went to Washington DC and asked the Senate and Congress this, "what the f--- are you and noaa doing in Hawaii?" So I ask Governor Ige, please don't appoint this woman to be our State of Hawaii DLNR head. Ching was bad this woman is worse. Sorry choose someone else.

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Stanley Mendes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Steven Hurt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Directors of the Nature Conservancy are bound to follow the creed of the National and International Nature Conservancy which includes the United Nations Agenda 21. With that stated, it is deemed not possible to find balanced and fair decisions for the people of the State of Hawaii and all other living birds, mammals, and fish! Please do not allow this nominee to be confirmed.

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suzanne hammer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne Case is a fantastic choice for this position. Hawaii is lucky to have someone of this quality for this position. Aloha Suzanne

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Tad Araki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: She's a conflict of interest

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Ted Yamamura	Individual	Support	No

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Teresa L. Nakama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ms Case has demonstrated her inability not to communicate or interact, with the general public and being none culturally sensitive to the public regarding the natural resources and environment. Her employer and her background, has demonstrated not to involve the Hawaiian public to be part of the process of managing our natural resources.

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Theresa Menard	Individual	Support	No

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Thomas Brennon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support Suzanne Case she will lead effectively.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas D. Farrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have no business or matters with DLNR or the Land Board. My interest is only as a citizen. I have known Suzanne Case since we were both involved in student government in high school. She is a leader of intelligence and integrity. Her career since then, to include a law degree and her service as executive director of the Nature Conservancy, equip her well to serve as the steward of our aina. Suzanne will be a great DLNR director and Land Board Chair, and I strongly urge you to recommend her confirmation. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support the nomination of Ms. Case to lead the DLNR. As a member of the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Audubon Society, I recognize the intrinsic value of having a proven member of the environmental community lead this large, diverse, and multi-faceted government organization. The DLNR Chair must make numerous policy decisions regarding land use and it is important that the Chair understands ecological systems, particularly mauka to makai connections, as Ms. Case clearly does. Mahalo for your consideration!

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tia pearson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Suzanne Case to serve as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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Tim Shindo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A total conflict of interest, the people of Hawaii deserve a better qualified individual who can balance the natural resource needs of the State's taxpayers.

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timothy johns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Hawaii Senate Committee on Water and Land

Re: Testimony IN SUPPORT of the Nomination of SUZANNE
CASE as the Director, Department of Land and Natural
Resources (GM 750)

Aloha, Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

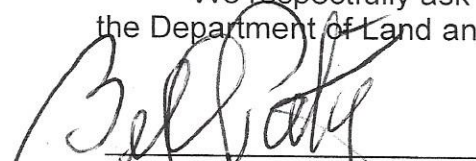
We are pleased to submit this joint testimony IN STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of Suzanne Case as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). By way of introduction, we are all former Directors of DLNR. Together we have collectively served in that capacity for nearly twenty years.

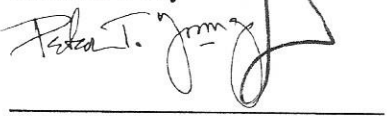
During our respective tenures at DLNR each of us has worked closely with Ms. Case through her work at The Nature Conservancy, where she has served since 1987. For the last 14 years she has superbly led The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii to truly "move the conservation needle" in our State, using a science-based, on-the-ground, balanced, collaborative, and solution-oriented approach. Her conservation accomplishments are impressive in and of themselves, but what is equally impressive is her respect and love for Hawaii's people and its cultural resources. There is no one more committed to Hawaii, its people, and its natural and cultural environment.

Ms. Case possesses an immensely strong analytical mind, tempered by well-developed managerial and leadership skills, honed over the last 25 years.

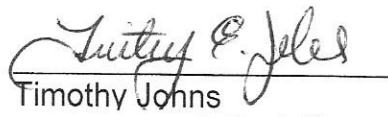
We have no doubt that Ms. Case is the ideal candidate to lead DLNR as it meets the many challenges it will face in the next few years. Like many in our State, all former DLNR Directors care deeply for and often worry about the precious natural and cultural resources under DLNR's stewardship. We know we will sleep better at night with Ms. Case at the helm.


We respectfully ask that you support Ms. Case's nomination as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Owens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I absolutely SUPPORT Ms.Case for the position of DLNR chair. She's going to be a breath of fresh air, not to mention experience and knowledge of the issues she will be dealing with PLEASE CONFIRM HER!!

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tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne Case is the perfect choice for leading DLNR Her present & past jobs highlights her experience, skills, and dedication to serve us well. She is knowledgeable about land and resource management issues in the islands having worked on these issues for decades. She is also respectful of the host culture and sensitive to protecting everyone's quality of life and those things that make Hawai'i unique.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The impression of impropriety and conflict aside, philosophically I oppose this nomination simply because the Nature Conservancy has consistently opposed science driven Game Management Proposals in favor of a fence, snare, and eradicate stratagem in dealing with our game animals.

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Toni Withington	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne Case is the right person to lead the DLNR. I strongly support her appointment. We need someone with strong administrative skills and a passion for preserving our natural and cultural environment. Please vote yes. mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tresa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly disagree and oppose this. If elected this would be a conflict of interest because she is with the nature conservancy and will be in charge of the DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy A. Ogasawara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly object to the nomination of Suzanne Case as the Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources because of her strong ties to the Nature Conservancy and other Environmental NGOs. This is a conflict of interest. We need a person who will manage our State's resources for the benefit of the people of Hawaii. We do not need management by restricting access, closures and fences.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyrel Cuyo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest to have her background with Nature Conservancy and to serve as DLNR representative.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Yontz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Approve Suzanne Case--she is excellent person for Director for DLNR.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vernon Hinsvark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Suzanne is a great appointment. Please pass GM750

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendell Grace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly disagree and oppose this. If elected, this would be a conflict of interest because she is with the nature conservancy and wants to be in charge of the DLNR.

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Wendy Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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wesley masumura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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April 14, 2015

Honorable Senator

I am respectfully submitting this written testimony in response to the nomination of Suzanne Case to be the new chairman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The chairman has the job of responsibly managing and overseeing Hawai'i's natural resources. That person must possess the capabilities to make fair, just, and unbiased decisions for all of Hawai'i residents.

Ms. Case's background as the current executive director and 28 years with the Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, a private special interest group, makes her clearly an unsuitable candidate. She will be unable to make sound decisions regarding rights for hunters, fishermen, and outdoor enthusiasts.

I gratefully and graciously ask that you consider this testimony against the appointment for Suzanne Case for the chairman for DLNR.

Mahalo.

Wesley Masumura

Avid hunter, fisherman and outdoor enthusiast.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William K.Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Ms Suzanne Case is the opposite side of the spectrum and would be just as bad as Mr. Carlton Ching.

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William Studdert	Individual	Oppose	No

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