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My name is Aimee Clanin and I have worked in the Department of Education in Hawaii for about ten years as a teacher. I have served as a Technology Coordinator/Technology Integration Specialist for many of those years. I have a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Educational Technology.

I am testifying in support of measure GM789. I support Gerald Teramae for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to represent Independent Schools in Hawaii.

I am recommending Gerald Teramae for consideration and confirmation because he is an outstanding leader and administrator. I worked under Gerald Teramae as the school's Technology Coordinator/Technology Integration Specialist at Kalani High School. We were a part of the pilot initiative for the first 1:1 Laptop Program in the State of Hawaii. Gerald coordinated a team of stakeholders and we all ventured into an unknown world of technology firsts. It was not smooth sailing all the time, but together the team learned and grew through the experience.

As the leader of Kalani High School, Gerald exemplified, to me, what working for an excellent principal/leader meant. He was visible and valued all the relationships that he created with students and faculty members. When you spoke to Gerald, he listened. He had a vision for the school, raised the expectations for the school, and the staff completely bought into where Gerald wanted the school to be headed. Gerald was fair and honest. When a teacher knows exactly where their administrator stands, it makes their job much more comfortable and allows the teacher to really soar. Along with his fairness, he also trusts his team. Because I felt that trust, it allowed me to make decisions, encouraged me to grow professionally, and help lift our school to new levels of success. Working for Gerald was a terrific time in my career and I am thankful for time where he guided me and helped me grow.

I highly recommend Gerald Teramae for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to represent the Independent Schools in Hawaii because he is an outstanding choice. He is an excellent leader and administrator. He is fair and honest. And he values education as his number one priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for Gerald Teramae for measure GM789.

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Comments: My name is Susan Maeda and I am a third grade teacher at 'Iolani School. I would like to testify in regards to GM 788 & GM 789, the consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Gerald M. Teramae. I am in support of having Gerald Teramae as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standard Board to represent Independent Schools in Hawaii. As the Dean of 'Iolani's Lower School (grades K-6), Gerald Teramae's leadership skills and knowledge made a positive impact on myself and my curriculum. I appreciated Gerald's support whenever I wanted to make a change to my grade level curriculum. He was willing to listen, make helpful suggestions, and provide support for classroom implementation. If a unit of study made learning relevant and meaningful, Gerald was all for it. As a classroom teacher, it was refreshing to have an administrator who allowed me to grow in my professional knowledge and skill. Gerald encouraged me to attend conferences and workshops, and allowed me to implement changes to my curriculum as a result of my professional growth. Because of Gerald's support, my curriculum has evolved to include more technology, global awareness, engineering, and hands-on learning experiences. During Gerald's tenure as Dean of 'Iolani's Lower School, he was instrumental in expanding our awareness and knowledge of the Common Core Standards. Although some of our faculty was familiar with the standards, there were many who were not because independent schools are not required to follow federal mandates in education. Gerald helped our staff grow in their knowledge of the Common Core Standards. He brought in professional development and resource personnel to help teachers understand and use the standards to examine their curriculum. Standards also helped our staff align and establish benchmarks in the areas of writing and math. It is my hope that you will consider having Gerald M. Teramae become a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Sincerely, Susan Maeda (808)943-2227

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