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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
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RE: GM 809, Nomination to Hawaii State Commission on National and Community Service for Kai Duponte

Good afternoon Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. Please find below my comments in strong support of Kai Duponte's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service (HCNCS), GM 809.

I have known Kai for many years in her through her work with several of Hawaii's human service organizations as well as her work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. I believe that her background in social work and human services has given me the opportunity to see firsthand the vital role that volunteers participating in formal programs like VISTA and AmeriCorps can have in delivering exemplary services to our communities in Hawaii.

I am confident that she will bring my many years of experience with these programs to the Commission to assist in implementing practical ideas that promote more effective use of volunteers and community service program members. We currently serve together as volunteers on the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Hawaii Training Summit Planning Committee. I am also aware that she is now volunteering on Maui in the CASA program. Kai's desire to promote volunteerism and her dedication to the people of our island state is unquestionable. The HCNCS will be fortunate to have the benefit of her commitment and her experience.

In conclusion I request your support for Kai Duponte's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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