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Date: April 17, 2015

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

Hearing: April 20, 2015, at 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Re: **GM876 – GEORGE MASSENGALE, STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL
NOMINATION**

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green and distinguished members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing. It is with pleasure that I write this testimony in strong support of Mr. George Massengale's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council. I have known George both professionally and personally for over 13 years, during which time he has advocated successfully before both the legislative and executive branches of government on behalf of several state and national organizations focused on addressing healthcare concerns, while seeking to improving the overall healthcare and human services for the people of Hawaii.

George is not only a dedicated healthcare advocate, he is also extremely effective in finding comprisable solutions to issues in which there stood varying viewpoints.

I can think of no one better than George to advocate on behalf of consumers of vocational rehabilitation services as well as the providers. He understands the needs and issues facing both. George will surely be a very strong asset for the council and to our state.

Sincerely,

John M. Mizuno
Vice Chair, House of Representatives

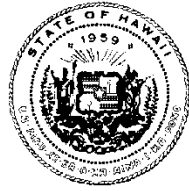
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April 19, 2015

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Rachael S. Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 876 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, GEORGE MASSENGALE for a term to expire 06-30-2016.**

Hearing: Monday, April 20, 2015, 1:15 p.m.
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The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Massengale to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Mr. Massengale is seeking an appointment for his first term on the SRC.

Mr. Massengale is an advocate for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Massengale is well suited for this role having served as a Floor Supervisor with Lanakila Crafts (now Lanakila Pacific) before moving to Goodwill Industries where he was their Operations Director. He later relocated to the mainland where he worked as the Operations Manager for the Tulare County Training Center for the Handicapped.

In 1980 he branched out on his own as a Private Rehabilitation Counselor doing vocational evaluations in Anchorage, Alaska. In 1987 he began work with felons who were also diagnosed with various forms of mental illness.

In 1990 Mr. Massengale received his Law Degree from the New College of California School of Law in San Francisco. He moved to Oakland California where he worked for the Protection and Advocacy Agency. He was later hired by the San Mateo County as a Deputy

Public Guardian where he was responsible for 60 chronically mentally ill as well as developmentally disabled individuals.

Given his work history we believe Mr. Massengale will bring much to the SRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

April 20, 2015

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Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

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Regarding – GM876 George Massengale, State Rehabilitation Council Nomination

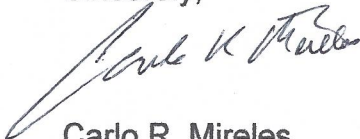
Testimony in Strong Support

Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Green and members on the Committee on Human Services and Housing. I've known Mr. George Massengale since 2008 when he was the Director of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society. While at the American Cancer Society I personally saw Mr. Massengale successfully advocate on behalf of the constituents directly and indirectly affected by cancer.

I have no doubt that with Mr. Massengale's strong work ethics, professionalism, and knowledge of our Hawaii State Capitol, he will be an asset to the State Rehabilitation Council.

It is with great respect and pleasure to write this testimony in strong support of Mr. Massengale's nomination to the council.

Sincerely,



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Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and members, I cannot imagine a better choice for this position. His extensive experience in government, health advocacy and legislative staff work will add much to the State Rehabilitation Council. Regards, Ann S. Freed
Mililani Resident and disable Vet

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