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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health State of Hawaii, State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 229 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Nomination of Aileen Wada to State of Hawaii Real Estate Commission March 1, 2016, 9:30 a.m. (GM 546)

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Aileen Wada's confirmation for another term as a Commissioner to the State of Hawai'i, Real Estate Commission ("Commission").

As a fellow Commissioner, I have truly enjoyed working with Ms. Wada and appreciate her input as an experienced broker for a large Hawai'i real estate brokerage. This view point is important as the Commission should also be reflective of the various interests in the industry, which the Commission regulates. Ms. Wada is also consumer-protection minded and has a good understanding of the industry and applicable laws.

I also appreciate Ms. Wada's dedication to serving the public and admire the way that she relates to others in a caring, honest, and no-nonsense manner. Ms. Wada will not hesitate to ask tough questions, add her frank view points, or provide common-sense analysis to an issue. The Commission wants to do its best to make the right decisions, and Ms. Wada plays an important role in that process.

For the reasons above, I highly recommend that Ms. Wada be confirmed as a Commissioner for another term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if anyone has questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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