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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Friday, April 8, 2022
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

in consideration of
GM 600
NOMINATING GORDON SCRUTON JR. TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports GM 600.

Gordon Scruton Jr. currently serves as an operations manager for Unlimited Construction Services, Inc. With an education in civil engineering, and previous training leading to an LEED AP in building design and construction, he has over 40 years of experience in the construction industry.

We believe that Mr. Scruton is eminently qualified for service on the Environmental Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

Quality People. Quality Projects.

April 8, 2022

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Re: GM 600 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Environmental Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, GORDON SCRUTON JR, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

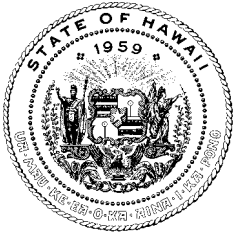
GCA is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Gordon Scruton Jr.'s appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council.

Mr. Scruton possesses the background and skills necessary to effectively make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. He is currently the Chair of the Environment Committee for GCA and has many years of experience relating to engineering and construction issues. As Chair of the Environment Committee, Mr. Scruton ensures that members of the construction industry recognize the privilege of building in Hawaii comes with a larger responsibility—to be stewards of Hawaii's environment. The Committee explores best management practices to minimize pollution to the maximum extent possible, including measures to reduce and recycle waste from construction and demolition projects.

I am confident that Mr. Scruton will bring a fair and balanced approach to the serving on the Environmental Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Walthall
Executive Vice President, GCA



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Testimony of the Environmental Advisory Council on GM 600
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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is in strong **SUPPORT OF** GM 600 appointing Mr. Gordon Scruton, Jr. to the EAC for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

The EAC is established by HRS § 341-5.5, which also directs membership "to ensure a broad and balanced representation of educational, business, and environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions, such as the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture, engineering, environmental consulting, public health, and planning; educational and research institutions with environmental competence; agriculture, real estate, visitor industry, construction, and media; and voluntary community and environmental groups."

The functions of the EAC are to serve as a liaison between the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) Director and the general public, to make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality, and to monitor the progress of the State, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies. The EAC also worked on and promulgated the administrative rules for implementing Chapter 343, HRS and now serves an advisory capacity in that respect.

Ms. Scruton's extensive experience working in the construction industry will contribute to the EAC's broad and balanced representation of different perspectives and experiences and will contribute to the EAC's discussions and roles. Mr. Scruton regularly attends EAC meetings as a member of the public and has shown that he is willing to serve. With respect to the EAC's functions, duties, and powers, and in consideration of Mr. Scruton's experience as demonstrated on his resume, the EAC strongly supports his nomination. The EAC respectfully requests that this Committee vote in favor of his confirmation to serve on the EAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Puananionaona Thoene
Chair
Environmental Advisory Council

April 7, 2022

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

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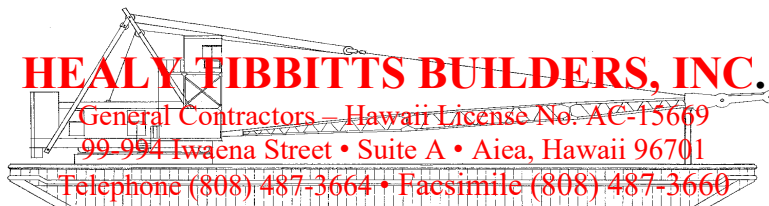
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Mahalo,

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Sincerely,

Richard A. Heltzel
President
Healy Tibbitts Builders, Inc.