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April 18, 2023
3:01 P.M.
State Capitol Rm 225 & Teleconference

GM 568
RELATING TO STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL NOMINEE TIFFANY YAJIMA

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the nomination of Tiffany Yajima to the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC).

Chapter 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the State Highway Safety Council which advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety.

Ms. Yajima's experience with the Alliance for Automotive Innovation will provide the SHSC with a unique and valuable perspective as Hawaii looks to adopt emerging vehicle types.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Tiffany Yajima to the SHSC, whose members serve without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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DATE: April 18, 2023

TO: Senator Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Transportation and Culture & the Arts
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Rick Tsujimura

RE: **GM 568 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, TIFFANY YAJIMA, for a term to expire on 06-30-2023.**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 18 at 3:01 p.m.
Conference Room: 225

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture & the Arts:

I am Rick Tsujimura testifying in support of the appointment of Tiffany Yajima to the State Highway Safety Council.

Tiff and I have been colleagues for many years and I know she will contribute much to the Council. She is a bright, no-nonsense person who is both objective and analytical in all that she does. I know she has the character and courage to do the right thing especially as it relates to highway safety as both a mother and as an attorney.

I humbly ask for your affirmative support for her nomination.

Thank you.



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DATE: April 17, 2023

TO: Senator Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Transportation and Culture & the Arts
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Gary Slovin & Mihoko Ito

RE: **GM 568 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, TIFFANY YAJIMA, for a term to expire on 06-30-2023.**
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Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture & the Arts:

We submit this testimony in **strong support** of GM 568, which nominates Tiffany Yajima to the State Highway Safety Council. We have known Tiffany for a long time (in Gary's case since she was a young girl), but especially during the decade she has worked with us at SanHi Government Strategies as a government affairs attorney.

We have worked with Tiffany on many issues for many different clients over the years. For this nomination, Tiffany brings in particular a wealth of policy experience regarding the automobile industry – she has represented the Alliance for Automotive innovation for years and has essentially been the voice of the industry at the Legislature. She has also served as the Alliance's representative on various working groups regarding many aspects of the automobile industry, including autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, hydrogen vehicles, and sustainable transportation more generally.

We can personally attest to Tiffany's commitment, integrity, and diligence in fully understanding and analyzing the many issues she has worked on while at SanHi. Tiffany has done excellent work, and we have full confidence in her abilities to contribute in a thoughtful way and serve her clients well. She is also always driven by doing the right thing and we fully trust her judgment. These qualities, combined with Tiffany's overall dedication and commitment, will no doubt help the State Highway Safety Council advance its mission.

We respectfully ask the Committee to advise and consent to Tiffany Yajima's nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Gary and Mihoko

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Submitted on: 4/17/2023 9:33:34 AM

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Comments:

Ms. Yajima is a excellent candidate for the State Highway Safety Council. Ms. Yajima's understanding and knowledge in the transportaion sector is well known and documented. She has been involved in the transportation sector in many capacities for over 10 years. I have also has the pleasure of working with Ms. Yajima and she is a person of strong work ethic and knowledge.

I strongly spport her nomination.

-Luis

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

FROM: Annie L. Macapagal

RE: **In support of Governor's Message No. 568 for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, TIFFANY YAJIMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2023
3:01 p.m.; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully request the favorable support for Governor's Message No. 568 appointment of Tiffany Yajima to the State Highway Safety Council.

Tiffany and I have known each other for more than 10 years and from the beginning I have found her to embody the highest of character. Throughout the years, we have collaborated on many projects and her knowledge and ideas have been an asset to the success of the projects. I have also found myself reaching out to her on many occasions should I need assistance and guidance on various projects I have struggled with. She has always been willing to assist or has given me useful advice that would often direct me to a lead that I did not see beforehand.

Thus, it does not surprise me that a state council would seek out an individual such as Tiffany. She is resourceful and a fully capable individual that would be a worthy addition to any council, board or commission. Specifically, you can see that she would be an effective addition to the State Highway Safety Council as she has dealt with many of their issues through her employment at Ashford & Wriston.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 568.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annie L. Macapagal

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
3:01 p.m., Conference Room 225

RE: GM 568 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Tiffany Yajima, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the committee:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Tiffany Yajima to the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC) for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Tiffany is highly qualified to serve on the SHSC. She has extensive knowledge and experience on a wide variety of issues relating to transportation. I have had the opportunity to work with Tiffany on several occasions and have found her to be a valuable resource.

The SHSC will be well served by her participation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Tiffany's nomination

Sincerely,

Kendall Matsuyoshi
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| Shannon Alivado | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Governors Message 568, the confirmation of Ms. Tiffany Yajima to the State Highway Safety Council. The State Highway Safety Council is charged with advising the Governor on safety programs and activities on our state highways. Safety on our highways is of utmost importance to our transportation system, particularly because our community relies on both public and private modes of transportation that travel on public roads on a daily basis.

Ms. Yajima's background and experience qualifies her to serve on the Council. Her prior service as a member of the State Department of Transportation Sustainable Transportation Forum and other working groups makes her an ideal candidate for the Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Governors Message 568 and I request your favorable consideration of Ms. Yajima's appointment.