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Testimony in Support of JC1

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Chair, Senator Clayton Hee  
Vice Chair, Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro

Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
11:00 AM, Room Number 016

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to express strong support for the confirmation of Peter T. Cahill as Judge to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i.

Since 1997, Mr. Cahill has been an attorney at Cahill & O'Neill on the island of Maui, representing seriously and critically injured residents and visitors. Mr. Cahill has attained notable success as an attorney, due to his knowledge and extensive trial experience.

In 1989, prior to his employment at Cahill & O'Neill, Mr. Cahill worked at the Law Offices of James Krueger and Krueger & Cahill, where he successfully tried and settled injury and wrongful death cases in Hawai'i.

In addition to his work experience, Mr. Cahill is an active member in the Maui community. Currently, he serves as the Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc., which aims to developing local families and youth to become positively contributing members in the community. Furthermore, he is on the Board of Directors of Aloha House and Malama Family Recovery. Mr. Cahill's involvement in these organizations demonstrates his character and compassion in helping individuals overcome the various challenges they are dealing with in life.

Mr. Cahill has earned a B.A. from Seton Hall University and his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Indiana. In addition, he is licensed to practice law in Hawai'i, New York, and New Jersey.

Mr. Cahill brings great energy, intellectual focus, and commitment to this judgeship. His confirmation as Judge to the State's Second Circuit Court will benefit the lives of the people on Maui. I encourage you to confirm Peter T. Cahill as Judge to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i.



Testimony of the  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
relating to the nomination of

**PETER T. CAHILL**  
**Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit Court**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair

From: Carol K. Muranaka, President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the qualifications of Peter T. Cahill for the position of Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit Court.

The HSBA Board has established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally utilizing the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. The HSBA uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been nominated. The HSBA Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified."

As part of its procedures for evaluating and taking positions on judicial appointments, the HSBA Board utilizes a subcommittee of the HSBA Board to review materials presented by the nominee and input from members. The subcommittee is also tasked with checking references and contacting others who have knowledge of the nominee's experience and qualifications. The full Board reviews the materials prepared by this subcommittee, the materials submitted by the nominee and members, and conducts an interview of the nominee.

Taking into consideration all of the information presented by and about the nominee and an interview with the nominee, the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association finds Peter T. Cahill to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit Court.

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The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chairman  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **Peter Cahill, Esq.**  
**Nomination to the Second Circuit Court (Maui)**

Dear Chairman Hee:

I write this letter in strong support of Peter Cahill, Esq.'s judicial nomination to the Circuit Court, Second Circuit on Maui.

I am the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers ("SHOPO"), which is the public sector union that represents all of our county police officers serving throughout the 50<sup>th</sup> State.

As a police union, we have a special interest in the appointments to the judiciary since the end product of our investigations is often decided in court. In addition, our officers spend significant amounts of time interacting with the judges and testifying. Our review and evaluation of a nominee is based on several factors, including but not limited to intelligence, legal knowledge and experience, integrity, judicial temperament and diligence. We use our evaluations to determine whether we will support, oppose or remain neutral on a particular nominee. We take our evaluations and recommendations seriously, as we know that the position we take on a nominee could negatively impact a nomination.

As for Mr. Cahill's nomination, we stand in strong support of this nominee as we believe he is well qualified to serve on the Circuit Court bench. As the largest public law enforcement labor organization in Hawaii, we support Mr. Cahill's nomination based on various factors. Mr. Cahill is a very experienced litigator and has been practicing law for approximately 30 years. He has handled a variety of cases and has also been selected to serve as an arbitrator and mediator in a variety of cases. We understand that as a mediator and arbitrator, parties from all sides have agreed to have him serve as the neutral party, which confirms the degree of respect he has from his peers as a fair minded and balanced decision maker. By all accounts, he is very

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The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chairman, Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Re: Peter Cahill, Esq., Nomination to the Second Circuit Court (Maui)  
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intelligent, possesses exceptional legal skills, knowledge and experience, is a man of the highest character and integrity and is very even keeled and balanced. He enjoys a reputation among his colleagues as a tough, but smart and fair litigator who exhibits civility and a temperament commensurate with someone who will serve well on the bench. Also important, is that Mr. Cahill possesses a large dose of humility that is genuine and sincere and has the right levels of humor mixed in.

We applaud and support Mr. Cahill's nomination and believe that he will do an outstanding job on the Circuit Court. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this nomination and we sincerely hope Mr. Cahill will receive your committee's unanimous support.

Respectfully submitted,

  
TENARI MA'AFALA  
SHOPO President

**From:** [Artemio Baxa](#)  
**To:** ["JDL testimony"@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JDL_testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**Subject:** For consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial Commission Nominee, Peter T. Cahill  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:33:08 PM

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The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Committee on Justice and Labor  
Hawaii State Senate  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: JCI - Hearing on Consideration and Confirmation of Judicial Selection Commission  
Nominee, Peter T. Cahill on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee and Senator Shimabukuro:

I am a retired Circuit Court Judge of the Second Circuit. I have returned to my former job as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the County of Maui, and also a current member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I am writing in full support of the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Cahill to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Cahill for many years, both in public and in private settings. When I was still at the bench, I had the opportunity to observe him and read his submissions. His work was of the highest quality and he was always an advocate of great integrity. In and out of the courtroom, I have not heard of anything that would detract the highest regard that I have of him. He is a man of ability and character, and a truly humble man.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

Artemio C. Baxa

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June 25, 2012

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice  
Chair and Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Re: JC1-PETER T. CAHILL for Circuit Court of the Second  
Circuit, Judge - In Support (June 26, 2012/11:00 a.m.)

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my  
support for the nomination of Peter T. Cahill, Esq. to the  
Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I have had the honor and the privilege of knowing Mr. Cahill  
over the past twenty-nine years of my practice as a civil  
attorney. Mr. Cahill is a good family man and a well respected  
litigator. He is of the highest moral character, respectful, yet  
very decisive and who always zealously represented his clients in  
a fair and courteous manner. He is a very intelligent,  
compassionate and caring individual who is well versed in the  
law.

Mr. Cahill and I have been on opposing sides in litigation  
matters as well as serving on Arbitration panels together. In  
addition, I have selected Mr. Cahill on numerous occasions to  
serve as the sole Arbitrator or Mediator in matters that I was  
handling. Mr. Cahill has a good working knowledge of the law and  
always understood the issues being presented. His  
recommendations as a mediator or decisions as an Arbitrator were  
very precise and well-reasoned. He effectively communicates with  
the attorneys and litigants involved in a proceeding and given  
his personality understands the needs of a jury. At all times  
throughout my interaction with Mr. Cahill, he was very civil,  
fair and professional to all parties involved and he has an  
excellent judicial temperament.

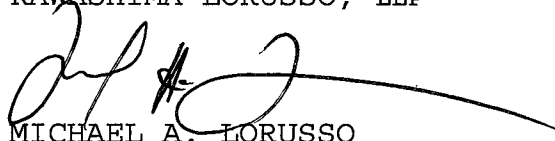
I highly support and respectfully request the appointment of  
of Mr. Cahill to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair; Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice  
Chair and Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

Very truly yours,

KAWASHIMA LORUSSO, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael A. Lorusso', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MICHAEL A. LORUSSO

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Senator Clayton Hee  
Chairman, Judiciary and Labor Committee  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Senator Clayton Hee and Committee Members,

I would like to provide support of the confirmation of Mr. Peter Cahill, in the vacancy to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

Mr. Peter Cahill has been a part of Maui Youth and Family Services Board of Directors since I have been an employee for approximately nine years. Mr. Cahill has been an avid spokesperson for our agency. He has been supporting this agency and all the youth's of Maui County since I have known him for nine years. We have recently merged with Aloha House Inc., and Malama Family Recovery Center, where Mr. Cahill has been in support of the entire population of Maui County, from prenatal care to adulthood.

Mr. Cahill is a dedicated board member who stuck with our agency throughout the entire transition. I have witnessed Mr. Cahill along with the other dedicated board members make difficult changes with the collaboration of three agencies. He is not a quitter and will prosper in his new endeavors. With the support from myself, and I am sure with the entire community of Maui County, I could not imagine anyone else fill the vacancy to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter on Mr. Peter Cahill's confirmation.

Respectively,

Maelynn K.A. Potter  
Prevention Services Program Manager



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Senator Clayton Hee  
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Dear Senator Clayton Hee and Committee Members,

I am providing testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Peter T. Cahill to fill the judicial vacancy to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

I have known Peter T. Cahill personally and professionally for over thirteen years. Peter and his family have been close friends and a part of my family support team through a number of personal adversities and challenges. I have also had the opportunity to work with Peter during his term as the President of the Board of Directors for Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc., and most recently as the Vice President for the Tri-Agencies of Aloha House, Inc., Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc., and Malama Family Recovery Center.

Peter is a hard working, dedicated, and passionate board member who is committed to helping the community by providing quality services to youth, adults, and their families. He possesses the highest level of professionalism and integrity which combined with his unwavering support of the Tri-Agencies has earned him the respect and admiration of employees and board colleagues. Peter's calm demeanor and personality will be valuable in handling complex circumstances fairly and equitably.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Peter T. Cahill's confirmation to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

Respectively,

Wendy K. DeCambra  
Intervention Program Manager

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Re: Testimony in Support of Judicial Selection Commission Nominee  
**Peter T. Cahill** to the  
Circuit Court of the Second Circuit  
Conference Room 016  
Hearing date and time: June 26, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Dear Senators:

I respectfully submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Peter T. Cahill to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit. I have known Mr. Cahill for over 20 years. We have often represented clients on opposite sides of a legal controversy. I can personally attest to his high regard for fairness and his strong moral character. No matter how big or small the case, Mr. Cahill always conducted himself with professional courtesy and civility. It is my opinion that Mr. Cahill enjoys a fine reputation in Hawaii's relatively small legal community for quality legal representation.

I believe Mr. Cahill has all of the necessary qualifications to be a Circuit Court Judge. His caring demeanor, dedication to the rule of law and capacity for hard work make him an excellent candidate for this position.

I strongly support this nomination and firmly state that Mr. Cahill would be a wonderful addition to the bench. I humbly ask you to confirm this nomination.

Very truly yours,



Calvin E. Young

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**From:** [Jack Naiditch](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Commission Nominee, Peter J. Cahill  
**Date:** Friday, June 22, 2012 11:54:26 AM

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June 22, 2012

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Malle S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

RE: Confirmation of Peter T. Cahill as Judge to the  
Circuit Court of the Second Circuit Court

Dear Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members,

I whole-heartedly support the confirmation of Peter Cahill as the 2nd Circuit Court judge to replace Hon. Shackley Raffetto.

I have always been impressed with Mr. Cahill's evident intelligence, compassion, patience and diligence. As a lawyer, he is extremely gifted in spotting issues and articulating a position. From time to time I have discussed legal issues with Mr. Cahill which were not necessarily in his area of expertise, and he always quickly understood the issue and arrived at a reasoned and effective way to analyze the issue.

I think Mr. Cahill will make an excellent judge. His integrity, intelligence and professionalism is well known in the Maui legal community. His innate intelligence gives him the ability to quickly understand different areas of the law. He is also an excellent communicator, and he has a sense of humor (which is important in being a judge). The lawyers will uniformly respect him, he will be able to make reasoned decisions without undue deliberation, explain his decisions clearly, be courteous to all in the Court. I am confident he will schedule his calendar to minimize waiting time and therefore client expense.

The Second Circuit needs a judge who has civil law experience. Mr. Cahill has always been my first choice among all members of the Maui Bar for this task.

I appreciate the opportunity to give you my comments.

**Jack R. Naiditch**

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**Mahalo for your cooperation.**

**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION  
OF PETER T. CAHILL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

June 25, 2012

To: Chairman Clayton Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii. I am testifying in strong support of Peter T. Cahill on his nomination to the circuit court of the second circuit.

I have known Peter for over twenty years and have worked with him on many training seminars for members of our bar and especially over the past 10 years on the training of arbitrators in the Judiciary's Court Annexed Arbitration Program. He has given much of his time to assist in the training not only on Maui but in other circuits as well.

Peter has also participated as a seminar speaker for me in various continuing legal education courses that I have presented for the legal community through the Pacific Law Institute. He is a very dependable person and I can always rely upon him to be prepared for any task and to present information in a clear and concise manner. I have also consulted with him on certain legal issues that may have arisen in my work and he is an excellent resource on the law.

He has always exhibited the highest degree of integrity and I feel that he has the respect of other attorneys to be a good judge. I have the utmost confidence that Mr. Cahill will be an excellent judge because of his intellect, sense of fairness and compassion for people, as well as his dedication to our system of justice. He is objective, will listen carefully to various points of view, and treats everyone fairly and does not shy

away from making decisions. He is a very hard worker and thorough in his legal analysis on issues.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge his confirmation by this committee and the Hawaii State Senate. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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June 25, 2012

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
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Re: Second Circuit Court Confirmation of Peter Cahill Tues. June 26, 2012

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Chair and Members:

It is a sincere pleasure and honor to submit this letter in support of the confirmation of Peter Cahill as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit. As a practicing civil litigation attorney, mediator, arbitrator and faculty and trainer in civil litigation, mediation and arbitration in Hawai'i, nationally and internationally for over thirty-three years, and having had the privilege of serving as counsel and as mediator in civil cases in which Peter Cahill has served as an attorney, I can confirm from first-hand experience that Mr. Cahill consistently exhibits the very highest of professional legal abilities, knowledge, diligence, dedication, integrity, fairness, civility and ethical values. As a dedicated advocate of the core values and public interests the Courts and people of Hawai'i deserve, Mr. Cahill has consistently exhibited devotion and service to those values and interests, and his earned the respect of judges, counsel and parties, including opposing counsel. There is no question that he will bring the highest abilities, value and credit to the Second Circuit Court, and will be a Judge whose service and contributions will reflect most favorably on the Judiciary and State, and will be of exceptional value to the community and people of Hawai'i. I would be glad to address any questions or provide any further information that may be helpful. I am not able to personally sign this letter as I am out of the country until June 26<sup>th</sup>, but wanted to be sure to timely submit this support of Mr. Cahill's confirmation, without reservations of any kind. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Crumpton

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Re: Judicial Nominee Peter T. Cahill for Circuit Court of the Second  
Circuit, State of Hawaii

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Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

I write this letter to you in support of the appointment of Peter T. Cahill as a Judge for the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii. I have known Mr. Cahill for over twenty years, both personally and as a fellow member of the Hawaii State Bar. He has always exhibited those qualities which, in my opinion, are important in serving our community in a judicial capacity.

Mr. Cahill's character for honesty and integrity are beyond question and he has demonstrated a level of fairness and compassion in his professional endeavors which are necessary requirements for serving as a judicial officer. I have come to know and appreciate these character traits in Mr. Cahill because I have had multiple opportunities to be involved in the handling of litigation matters where he served as counsel of record for the opposing party. As an adversary in these proceedings, Mr. Cahill consistently demonstrated his capacity for honesty and fairness as well as his commitment to the concept of civility in the handling of matters that can at times become quite contentious.

I firmly believe that prior experience in the field of litigation is always an asset for a sitting judge. Significantly, Mr. Cahill has had a wide range of litigation

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
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experience. I know that his experience in the practice of personal injury litigation has included the representation of both claimants and defendants and has provided him with a better understanding of and appreciation for the needs of all parties to such proceedings. His litigation experience will not only make his transition to the court that much easier and smoother but will clearly assist him in the handling of matters that will be presented to him as a sitting judge. Over the years that I have known Mr. Cahill, he has shown a willingness to work tirelessly when the situation required it in order to accomplish his goals and objectives in the representation of his clients..

His commitment to the Judiciary and our justice system is reflected in his willingness to serve on various committees directed toward Bench Bar matters, and his prior service to the community has included serving on non-profit boards related to the provision of social services to those in need.

I wholeheartedly support the appointment of Peter T. Cahill to the position of Circuit Court Judge for the Second Circuit without reservation and ask that your committee act favorably in your consideration of his nomination.

Very truly yours,



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## Via Electronic Mail Only

Senator Clayton Hee  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: JC1 - Nomination of Peter T. Cahill, Esq. for Circuit  
Court Judge, Second Circuit

Hearing: Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

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Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee  
on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing this in support of Peter T. Cahill's nomination for Judge of the  
Second Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i.

I am a partner in the law firm of Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia and  
Nakamura and have practiced in this jurisdiction for the past 26 years. During that time,  
I have had a number of cases where Mr. Cahill has been my opposing counsel. I also  
had one case with Mr. Cahill where we represented co-defendants.

Regardless of the type of case or whether we were on the opposite or  
same sides, Mr. Cahill has always displayed a very thorough understanding of the legal  
issues of the case. While vigorously advocating for his clients, Mr. Cahill has always  
been respectful to all counsel and witnesses in a given case as well as to the judges  
before whom we've both appeared. I have always found him to be fair and honest in my  
interactions and dealing with him. In addition to his very keen legal acumen, Mr. Cahill  
possesses a practical sensibility that has served his clients well. He can be a fierce  
advocate but he is never one to lose sight of what, in the end, would be in the best  
interest of his client or clients as the case may be.

Senator Clayton Hee  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
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A few months ago, Mr. Cahill and I resolved a traumatic brain injury case which involved a young boy. Cases involving an injured minor, particularly a minor with a traumatic brain injury, can be difficult to settle even under the best of circumstances.

Our case raised several complex medical as well as legal issues which could have impacted the value of the case either way. Throughout a somewhat protracted settlement negotiation process, Mr. Cahill advocated vigorously for his client but also listened to and considered points I made. Yet, during this sometimes arduous process, Mr. Cahill never lost focus of making sure that the present and future needs of his young client were met. Although it was not easy, Mr. Cahill and I were able to settle the case to the satisfaction (I hope) of our respective clients.

In my experience, Mr. Cahill has the knowledge, skill and temperament to make an excellent Circuit Court Judge. Although I will miss having Mr. Cahill as opposing counsel, I know that our judiciary will be well-served with him on the bench.

I urge this Committee to approve of Mr. Cahill's nomination as Judge for the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Patricia T. Fujii*

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June 25, 2012

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
State Capitol, Room 407  
Honolulu, HI. 96813

Re: Nomination of Peter T. Cahill - Second Circuit Court

Dear Senator Hee:

This letter is being sent in support of the nomination of Peter T. Cahill for Judge in the Second Circuit Court.

I've known Peter for close to 20 years, since I first moved to Maui and worked at the Corporation Counsel office. I've worked with him on some issues and against him on others and I have always been very impressed with his demeanor, his legal knowledge, and his ability to get to the bottom line in a case quickly. In all my dealings with Peter, he always impressed me with his ability to identify an issue and reach a reasonable resolution.

Peter has always struck me as a conscientious and compassionate person who has the best interests of Maui at heart. He's a family man with a sterling reputation and, I believe, the respect of all of his peers in the legal field, as well as those in the general community. He has not only been very successful as a lawyer, but he has devoted a substantial amount of time to non-profits, selflessly helping the people of Maui in many different ways.

I truly believe Peter has the potential to be one of the best judges we've had on Maui. He will give everyone a fair opportunity to be heard on an issue while at the same time keeping control of his courtroom in a professional manner. It may be cliché, but it is very true with Peter - I believe he would have a great "judicial temperament" and a perfect disposition to be a fine judge.

I consider Peter to have the highest level of integrity and I have no hesitation in whole-heartedly requesting your favorable consideration and support of his nomination to be the next Second Circuit Court judge. Please let me know if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,



DAVID M. JORGENSEN

Dave/Letters/General/Senator Clayton Hee (06-25-12)

**From:** [Edquon Lee](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** JC1 - Peter Cahill  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 1:29:21 PM

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing Date: June 26, 2012  
Hearing Time: 11:00am

To whom it may concern:

I've had a number of cases with Peter Cahill over the past 20 years. He has always been well prepared and diligent in the representation of his clients. His demeanor is excellent even under difficult circumstances. He has always been fair and reasonable in handling disagreements that arise during litigation.

I believe he would be an excellent circuit court judge.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [H McCord](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Judicial Selection Commission Nominee-Peter T. Cahill  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:00:03 PM

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My name is Helen McCord. I have been a resident of Maui, Hawaii since 1968. I live in Kula and I am the owner of the Kula Botanical Garden. I am writing to you in reference to the appointment of Peter T. Cahill for Judicial Selection to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I have known Peter for 15 plus years. My first experience was when he represented my grandmother. He was very professional and attentive to our needs. It was my first time needing legal counsel and he explained clearly what my rights and legal needs were and how we needed to proceed. We found a common ground in that our families had lived in New York. Subsequently, we served on the Board of Maui Youth, and Family Services, Inc. Peter was the chairman for several years and lead the board through a difficult time of restructuring that I believed saved the organization. Peter is knowledgeable, fair, well spoken, and compassionate when the need is there. He is a devoted family man and proud of his daughter's achievements. Peter takes his commitments seriously and attends all meetings that are possible as well as other activities that being a board member requires.

I am honored to call him a friend and fully endorse Peter T. Cahill as a candidate for this important job.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 21, 2012

Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Measure: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of  
Hawaii, Judicial Selection Commission Nominee,  
PETER T. CAHILL, for a term of ten years.

Hearing: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 11:00 AM

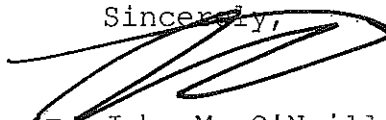
Dear Chairman Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

I write in support of confirmation to the Circuit  
Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial  
Selection Commission Nominee, Peter T. Cahill, for a term  
of ten years.

I have had the good fortune of being Peter Cahill's  
law partner in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii for the past fifteen  
years. Understanding that my long association with Peter  
Cahill speaks for itself, I will be brief.

To my personal observation, and throughout our  
association, Peter Cahill has consistently demonstrated  
good judgment, intelligence, patience, fairness and open-  
mindedness. I believe that he would make an excellent  
Circuit Court Judge. Thank you for considering my  
testimony.

Sincerely,



John M. O'Neill



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June 24, 2012

Committee on Judiciary & Labor  
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

**Re: Peter Cahill, nominee for Circuit Court of the Second Circuit**

Hearing: Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Time: 11 am

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senator Hee,

I am a partner in the law firm of Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel, and have practiced in the area of civil litigation in Hawaii since 1984. It has been my pleasure to have known Peter Cahill since shortly after he started practicing law in Hawaii in 1989. I wholeheartedly recommend Peter as a capable, ethical, and trustworthy person and an excellent nominee for the Second Circuit Court.


Attorneys representing Plaintiffs and attorneys representing Defendants do not always get along well. We each strive to represent our clients zealously and sometimes disagreements arise. Over the years, I have represented a number of Defendants sued by Peter on behalf of his injured clients. Peter and I have frequently disagreed on the merits of the cases and factual, legal and evidentiary issues that arise during the litigation process. However, he has approached all disagreements in a courteous and professional manner. Peter knows how to disagree without being disagreeable. In my opinion, he has been a model of the ideals stated in Hawaii's Guidelines of Professional Courtesy and Civility

Peter has also demonstrated a keen sense of empathy and an ability to analyze and come to fair and just conclusions. He has a calm demeanor and a good sense of humor. Peter actually seems to enjoy the litigation process. He is always well prepared and represents his clients well.

As a member of the Bar who frequently has litigation matters in the Second Circuit Court on Maui, I strongly encourage the Committee and the Senate to confirm Peter Cahill's nomination. The Bar and the Judiciary would be fortunate to have him serve in that position.

Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



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Via Email

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
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State Capitol  
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Re: JC1 – **IN SUPPORT** of confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Peter T. Cahill to the Second Circuit Court

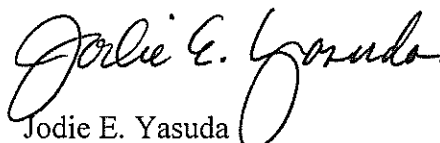
Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

Please permit me to take this opportunity to express my complete and humble support of the nomination of Peter T. Cahill to the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit. In the early 1990s, I was employed as a Judicial Assistant with the Fifth Circuit Court where I first met Mr. Cahill in his professional capacity as a litigator. In all of my dealings with him, he was courteous, polite and respectful. As an attorney in court, Mr. Cahill demonstrated his excellent legal skills as well as his capacity for fairness, compassion and empathy.

Upon moving to the island of Maui I have had the pleasure to reacquaint myself with Mr. Cahill and found that he has continued to maintain a well-deserved reputation as a highly regarded attorney who is also described by his peers as an “all around nice guy.” He truly is an excellent selection who will be a great addition to our Circuit Court.

Accordingly, I strongly urge you to confirm the nomination of Peter T. Cahill. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

  
Jodie E. Yasuda  
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**Subject:** Nomination of Peter Cahill for Second Circuit Court Judge / Hearing June 26, 2012  
**Date:** Monday, June 25, 2012 9:12:19 AM

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Aloha Senators:

It is with great pleasure that I want to submit this testimony on behalf of Peter Cahill for his nomination as a Second Circuit Judge. I am a Past President of the Maui County Bar Association and former outer island representative to the HSBA. I am familiar with the criteria used by the HSBA when evaluating a nominee's fitness which is how I would like to begin my testimony:

- 1) Integrity and Diligence: I can only give Peter the highest praise as a member of the bar who has a reputation of integrity and diligence in handling client matters and dealing with other lawyers. This has been true in all of my dealings with him.
- 2) Legal Knowledge and Ability: I have litigated cases as opposing counsel, he has served as a CAP arbitrator in cases where I was representing one of the litigants and I have consulted with him on complicated legal issues. Peter has an excellent grasp of the issues and I would rate his legal knowledge and ability as extremely high.
- 3) Professional Experience: Peter has a high level of professional experience in civil legal matters which regularly come before a circuit court judge. For a number of years he has been an excellent presenter in the annual CAP Arbitrators Workshop conducted by the Second Circuit Court instructing the CAP arbitrators.
- 4) Judicial Temperament; Peter is even tempered, objective and pragmatic. My interaction and contact with him has been on matters where he has represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants. He has exhibited strong attributes of fairness, understanding, impartiality and patience which are the fundamentals of a good judicial temperament.
- 5) Financial Responsibility: I am unaware of any financial issues;
- 6) Public Service: I know he is generous with his time in giving pro-bono advice.
- 7) Health: I am aware that he is an energetic and active person;

My law practice started on the mainland in 1974 and I have practiced in State and Federal Courts in a variety of matters from criminal law, family practice and various other areas of civil litigation. I have appeared in front of numerous Judges over the years giving me insight into what our community needs from a Judge. I have also done a good amount of administrative law and served as a Mediator and Arbitrator. I have evaluated a number of judicial appointments over the years.

Appointing the right judge benefits our community in so many different ways which makes your decision very important to our community. Peter Cahill is an outstanding nominee who has the ability not just to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position but to excel as a Second Circuit Judge.

It gives me great pleasure to highly recommend Peter Cahill as a Second Circuit Court Judge. He will be a fine addition to our Hawaii Judiciary. Thank you for allowing me to testify about this important Judicial matter.

Mahalo,

Gordy Stewart

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**From:** [Chris Bouslog](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Nominee Peter T. Cahill  
**Date:** Friday, June 22, 2012 4:45:36 PM

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Hearing Date: June 26, 2012  
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Dear Senators Hee & Shimabukuro:

This is written to urge that Peter Cahill be confirmed to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

I have practiced law since 1982, first as a Deputy Public Defender on Oahu for six plus years and then in civil litigation for more than 23 years.

I have had the distinct privilege of having practiced against Mr. Cahill on several occasions. He is fair and honest and he practices at the highest level of competence, exhibiting extremely high levels of legal and analytic abilities. He is deliberative and calm and communicates in plain and direct language. The aspect of his character that is most impressive from a civil litigator is that he is also an uncommonly good listener.

He will be a fully informed and knowledgeable judge who is focused, diligent and dedicated. He is fundamentally fair and compassionate. He is a good person.

I strongly support his confirmation. He will make a significant contribution to the Judiciary, the State of Hawai'i and our way of life.

Very truly yours,

*Chris Bouslog*

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June 21, 2012

To The Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

It is my privilege to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Peter Cahill to serve as a judge on Maui's Second Circuit Court.

I have known Mr. Cahill for almost seven years as he has been the President of the Board of Directors for Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc. for several years and is currently the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Tri-Agencies of Aloha House, Inc., Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc. and Malama Family Recovery Center.

Mr. Cahill has been wonderful to work with and possesses a very high standard of professionalism. As a board member, his professionalism extends not only to his relationship with other board members and administrative directors, but with each and every employee. He is always pleasant and takes time to acknowledge others which has earned him everyone's respect and support. He is genuinely thoughtful and considerate and fully participates in agency functions which include annual fundraisers.

What sets Mr. Cahill apart from others is his absolute cooperation and commitment. He communicates well with others and retains a calm demeanor. Mr. Cahill is always willing to show genuine empathy towards others and has a willingness to listen without ever being judgmental. He is an honest and caring person that I have come to truly admire.

I highly recommend Mr. Peter Cahill to serve as a judge on Maui's Second Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

Karen Laborte, Accountant

Aloha House, Inc., Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc., Malama Family Recovery Center  
808-579-8414, x8107

June 22, 2012

Chair Clayton Hee  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: JC 1 - In support of confirmation of Peter Cahill to the Second Circuit Court

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure and earnestness that I fully support the nomination of Peter Cahill to the Second Circuit Court. Mr. Cahill has been an attorney for nearly thirty years and has a well deserved reputation for being smart, hard working and professional. He has a wonderful personality and is one who is positive, easy to work with and has strong work ethics. Mr. Cahill is also actively involved in the community and has served unselfishly on the board of Maui Youth and Family Services for many years. He is also a family man, is very supportive of his wife and is a terrific father, having raised a wonderful daughter.

As a Detective with the Maui Police Department for many years, I feel that I am a fairly good judge of character and Mr. Cahill's character is above reproach. He will take his duties as judge seriously and will perform them judiciously and with fairness. He has always struck me as one that is passionate about the law, and has a depth of knowledge that often surprises me only because he can be so modest.

There is no doubt in my mind that he will make a wonderful jurist. And I urge you to confirm him to the Second Circuit Court. Accordingly I strongly urge you to confirm the nomination of Peter Cahill. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Wendell Loo

**From:** [Daryl Selman](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Peter Cahill  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 3:10:00 PM

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I am writing to express my unqualified support for Peter Cahill as a judge for the Second Circuit Court. I have known Mr. Cahill for over ten years and worked closely with him as President of the board of directors for Maui Youth and Family Services and most recently as a board member of our 3 agency partnership. I know Peter to be a caring and compassionate person, but also willing to make the right decision even when that decision is a difficult one. He is highly intelligent, ethical and open minded. I hope the committee will confirm his nomination.

Daryl Selman LMFT, LCSW  
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**From:** [Bill McKeon](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** PETER T. CAHILL CONFIRMATION  
**Date:** Sunday, June 24, 2012 9:18:07 AM

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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

Our firm strongly support the nomination of PETER T. CAHILL to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit Court.

For the past 20 years, we have had the opportunity to observe and interact with Mr. Cahill professionally and in the community. Mr. Cahill is known and respected professionally for his keen intellect, as well as his integrity, temperament, thoroughness, diligence and professionalism. Mr. Cahill's dedication to public service and the community is exemplary.

For these reasons, our firm endorses the nomination of Mr. Cahill as a Circuit Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

Thank you for consideration.

William M. McKeon

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June 24, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Hawai'i Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
[JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Re: Peter T. Cahill

Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee:

I enthusiastically support the Judicial Selection Commission's nomination of Peter T. Cahill as a judge for the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

I have practiced law in Hawai'i since 1983, concentrating in civil litigation. I have had several cases in which Mr. Cahill was opposing counsel and I have the deepest respect for his intellect, judgment and personal integrity. His experience as a trial lawyer on both sides (he was an insurance defense attorney in New Jersey before moving to Hawai'i) will allow him to bring a very balanced view of litigation to the bench. And he has an excellent judicial demeanor – I have never seen him to be anything but calm and courteous.

I believe having Mr. Cahill as a circuit court judge will enhance the Judiciary and reinforce the public's confidence in our judicial system. Thank you for allowing me to express my support for Mr. Cahill's appointment.

Very truly yours,



emc: Peter T. Cahill

**RICHARD K. MINATOYA**

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TESTIMONY BEFORE  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
ON  
JC 1 - CONFIRMATION OF  
PETER T. CAHILL  
JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT

The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chair  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
Vice Chair  
and Members  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the confirmation of PETER T. CAHILL as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit. I have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Cahill for several years, and had the *privilege of working with him on a couple of cases while I was in private practice. I also had the opportunity to seek his advice while he served on the Mentor Panel of the Court Annexed Arbitration Program.*

*Mr. Cahill possesses all of the qualities needed to be an excellent judge. He has a keen legal mind. He has common sense, patience, fairness and a good sense of justice. His experience in civil law will also add diversity to the bench in the Second Circuit. His nomination is a good choice for the Second Circuit.*

For these reasons, I request that the committee RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION of Mr. Cahill's appointment to the full Senate. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**From:** [Ricky C. Uedoi](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support letter for Peter Cahill  
**Date:** Thursday, June 21, 2012 6:09:36 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the selection of Peter Cahill to serve as Judge on the Second Circuit Court bench. I have known Peter for years after having the opportunity to have met him while my oldest daughter and his daughter attended school together and taking swimming lessons together.

Peter is such an excellent selection to fill the vacancy. He is a person of high moral character, a family man and such a great communicator and friend. I have no doubt that he will serve this capacity with integrity and his decision will be based upon facts and in the best interest to the case at hand. He definitely will be fair and he will take the time to hear all the facts before rendering a fair and impartial decision.

Should you have any follow up questions regarding my letter of support for Peter Cahill, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for Peter.

Sincerely,  
Ricky Uedoi  
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**Measure:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial Selection Commission Nominee, PETER T. CAHILL, for a term of ten years.

NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
TIME: 11:00 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

This letter is to express strong support for the confirmation of Peter T. Cahill to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit in the State of Hawaii.

I originally became acquainted with Peter Cahill through his volunteer work in the Maui community, which has been extensive. Peter has been an advocate for helping families in Maui for the decade I have known him.

Additionally, I have had occasions to seek Peter's advice on several personal legal matters that ranged from copyright concerns to very personal family matters. Peter has always been generous in his time, even when I knew he was busy with more pressing matters. He always took the time to listen and help me without charge, as my questions were always of a general nature where I just needed some guidance. Peter could have chosen to not take the time, as I know he is a busy man. But that is not the manner that Peter conducts himself, nor his business.

My experience with Peter demonstrates that he possesses a unique wisdom, character and courage for proper inquiry and that he provides judgment that is fair and balanced. He seeks to see all sides of a situation with an open mind and heart, and then mindfully offer his decision and leadership once the facts are presented and carefully considered. Peter has the strength to make a strong decision and stand firmly by it.

In my opinion there is not a more appropriate person to be named judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit in the State of Hawaii.

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VIA FACSIMILE #1-800-586-6659

The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Consideration and Confirmation to the Circuit Court of the  
Second Circuit as Circuit Judge, Hawaii Judicial Selection  
Commission Nominee PETER T. CAHILL, for a term of ten years  
Committee : Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing : Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
Time : 11:00 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room 016

Dear Chairman Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I write this letter in support of the consideration and confirmation of Peter Cahill's nomination to be appointed a Circuit Court Judge for the Second Circuit (Maui County) for a ten year term. I am an attorney licensed in Hawaii since 1968, and concentrating on litigation matters. Peter Cahill is an excellent choice. I have known Mr. Cahill since shortly after he was admitted to the Hawaii State Bar in 1989. Over the twenty-three years I have known him, I have had occasion to mediate cases in which he was counsel for one of the parties (usually for the plaintiffs). In addition, I, personally, and our firm generally have frequently referred potential cases to him when they involve Maui County litigants. We have every confidence in him.

In my experience, Mr. Cahill is a most able trial lawyer who represents his clients at the highest level. He is an excellent advocate, never loses sight of their interests, is reasonable, and always exhibits civility to opposing counsel and witnesses.

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In addition, Mr. Cahill has excellent legal analytical skills and is able to quickly get to the core or "heart" of a legal problem. He writes very well, is even tempered, and exhibits excellent judgment. His integrity and ethics are of the highest level.

In my opinion, Mr. Cahill will be an excellent trial judge, and I enthusiastically support consideration and confirmation of his nomination to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

Very truly yours,



David L. Fairbanks

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**Via Facsimile Only to 586-6659**

Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
c/o Sargent at Arms  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **Judicial Applicant Peter T. Cahill, Esq.**  
**Circuit Court of the Second Circuit**  
**DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 2012**  
**TIME: 11:00 AM**

Honorable Senators Clayton Hee, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
and Members of the Senate Judiciary & Labor Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of **Peter T. Cahill**'s nomination to be a judge in the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit. I will also be available to testify at the hearing on this nomination.

I urge the Legislature to approve Peter T. Cahill as a Second Circuit Court judge, and add this fine person to the bench. Mr. Cahill has shown a dedication to the law and public service, and done so in a manner that display the high qualities, characteristics and personality required of a Circuit Court Judge. He is a hard worker, he knows the law and procedure, he is compassionate, and he can make timely decisions. Mr. Cahill is a thoughtful and deliberative person that can address the special needs faced by the type of cases and matters coming before the Circuit Court. He is a respected member of the Bar, commands a well deserved respect among his peers, and has excelled in providing legal service to our community and state.

I have been attorney for almost nineteen years, sixteen + of those on Maui. I know Mr. Cahill well as an adversary, arbitrator, an attorney, and as a colleague because we both served as Maui Grand Jury Counsel. Mr. Cahill and I have been opposing counsel in civil cases (*when I was handling insurance defense*). He has also been my arbitrator in several Court Annexed Arbitration cases, and also a few private mediation cases, where both parties selected Mr. Cahill to conduct the proceeding. I have the utmost respect for his legal skills, demeanor, and composure, and I would submit that to have such respect from colleagues, is a fine trait which reveals this person's potential as a judge.

As civil trial attorney, Mr. Cahill has handled complex civil cases involving tort,



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Members of the Senate Judiciary & Labor Committee*

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insurance, and other disputes. He has done so on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants. He served a year as Maui Grand Jury Counsel, providing legal advice to the grand jurors in felony cases sought to be initiated by the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Cahill did insurance defense work for Hawaiian Insurance Guarantee ("HIG"). He is one of the few Maui attorneys that Honolulu attorneys will readily agree to use as a mediator, or arbitrator in a binding arbitration. Mr. Cahill is well versed on issues of evidence and procedure, which would be essentially the same for any type of case coming before the court. He also has a keen intellect and strong people skills, from which the court will benefit.

Mr. Cahill's demonstrated legal abilities show he is extremely qualified to sit as a judge in Circuit Court. His background as a seasoned trial attorney shows that he would be a quick study and has the capabilities to understand and judge all matters that will come before the circuit court.

It is my humble opinion that the Governor (*albeit untimely*) and our Judicial Selection Committee selected an extremely qualified attorney to join the Maui bench, and I would urge our Legislature to approve the nomination at the earliest.

YOURS TRULY,



MATTHEW S. KOHM

(Bar ID 6103)

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**VIA FACSIMILE**  
**(586-7334)**

Re: **NOMINATION OF PETER T. CAHILL**  
Hearing date: June 26, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee:

I write in support of Peter T. Cahill for the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit judicial nomination.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Cahill on a number of matters. He is extremely intelligent, well versed in the law, rules of evidence, rules of procedure, and, without a doubt, will be an excellent judge.

Mr. Cahill is someone who gives selflessly in our profession. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants. He has done pro bono work and non-profit work. He has been an arbitrator and mediator. I have had first-hand experience with Mr. Cahill's advocacy skills as well as his skills in alternative dispute resolution which will be important as he conducts settlement conferences. His twenty-nine year career makes him highly qualified for the

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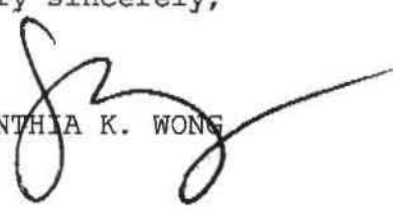
position. The judiciary will clearly gain one of Maui's finest attorneys.

On a personal level, Mr. Cahill is kind, compassionate and respectful of all those with whom he interacts. He will do well with attorneys, other judges, courtroom staff, as well as members of the public. He is an excellent choice for Circuit Court.

I have no doubt, based on my experience with Mr. Cahill, that he has the ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of this position.

I fully support Peter T. Cahill for the nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Very sincerely,

  
CYNTHIA K. WONG

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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
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415 South Beretania Street  
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RE: Judicial Selection Commission Nominee Peter T. Cahill  
Date of Hearing: June 26, 2012  
Time of Hearing: 11:00 A.M.

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I have known Peter Cahill for many years and he has always impressed me as a smart, skilled and compassionate litigator.

Mr. Cahill recently acted as a neutral arbitrator in binding arbitration involving a complicated personal injury claim. Mr. Cahill conducted the hearing with the utmost professionalism and fairness. Both sides readily accepted Mr. Cahill's decision which was well-reasoned, fair and reflected appropriate consideration of all the issues presented.

It is on these bases that I strongly recommend that Mr. Cahill be confirmed as Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Cahill will be an excellent judge for the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Woodruff K. Soldner

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**From:** James Krueger <mauswim@lava.net>  
**Subject:** Cahill appt  
**Date:** June 13, 2012 1:42:50 AM HST  
**To:** "president@hsba.org" <president@hsba.org>

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I write from Riccione Italy where swimming in world masters swim champs in between races.

I dont have a secy and cant deal with the categories mentioned.

Suffice it to say i probably know peter better than any other lawyer, for over two decades as well as probably another one after he left Krueger & Cahill.

Bottom line. He will be a wonderful judge. He will become one of the best circuit judges ever.

Integrity of the highest order. Fairness for those he didnt agree with. Stability in thought and deed. Willingness to make people know they were equitably heard. Intellectual astuteness combined with realistic pragmatism. A great package - he can do it all.

And for those who read this and know me, the above is signifcant and unusual for me to accord these kind of superlatives.

There may not be any 10s, but this is a 10 choice.

Great selection, Mr. Chief Justice.

With aloha, I am,  
James Krueger

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June 22, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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RE: **SUPPORT** for Confirmation of Peter T. Cahill  
to the Second Circuit Court  
Committee: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
Time: 11:00 am  
Place: Conference Room 016

Dear Chairman Hee and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write in support of the confirmation of Peter T. Cahill to the Second Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. I am an attorney licensed in Hawaii since 1969. I am well acquainted with Peter Cahill's qualifications, demeanor, ability, and conscientiousness. I have been involved in cases Mr. Cahill was involved in and he served admirably as an arbitrator in one of those cases.

Peter Cahill is highly qualified, competent, and able. He has served the profession well and would be an excellent member of our judiciary. His intellect, legal ability, character and demeanor are of the highest level.

I would appreciate your consideration of my support for confirmation of the Judicial Selection Commission's nomination of Peter Cahill to the Second Circuit Court.

Aloha,

  
Wayne K. Kekina

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RE: **SUPPORT** for Confirmation of Peter T. Cahill  
to the Second Circuit Court

Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
Time: 11:00 am  
Place: Conference Room 016

Dear Chairman Hee and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write in SUPPORT of the nomination of Peter T. Cahill to the Second Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. I am an attorney licensed in Hawaii since 1979 and am familiar with Peter Cahill's qualifications to sit as a Judge of the Second Circuit Court.

I first met Peter Cahill when he was an attorney with the Krueger law office on the island of Maui where he subsequently became a partner before establishing his own law office. Peter Cahill was an active member of the Hawaii Association for Justice (formerly Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii). I have also been an active member and became familiar with his legal ability and integrity over the years. Peter Cahill and I have served on the Board of the Hawaii Association for Justice together and have participated in association activities. I have personal knowledge of Peter Cahill's professional abilities and his reputation as a trial lawyer.

Peter Cahill brings with him 30 years of experience at a high level of civil litigation. It is not just the length of his tenure as a trial lawyer but also the quality of his practice that distinguishes him from the average lawyer. He is to be commended for his willingness to sacrifice his private practice at the peak of his career to give back to the profession by entering public service. I totally support Peter Cahill's nomination and ask for your favorable consideration for his appointment as a judge of the Second Circuit Court of the State of Hawaii.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Peter Cahill's appointment to the Hawaii Supreme Court. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or desire additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert S. Sakuda", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bert S. Sakuda

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June 21, 2012

RE: Letter of Support for Mr. Peter Cahill

I am writing this letter in support of Attorney Peter Cahill's nomination as a Circuit Court Judge

Mr. Cahill is a community leader, mentor, and friend. He has a reputation as a "service" leader and has always availed himself to the non-profit sector. Specifically, as a champion for youth development and the Boys & Girls Clubs with his pro-bono work and his willingness to advise us on many topics to ensure that every child in Maui has a safe place to learn and grow.

Mr. Peter Cahill has demonstrated to be a fair, upfront, and even-handed individual that the entire community respects. The Hawaii Judicial system will benefit greatly with this confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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