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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 13

Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee,
PATRICIA HALAGAO,
for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Senate Committee on Education

October 30, 2013, 2:30 pm
Hawai'i State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 414

To: Honorable Sen. Jill Tokuda, Chair
Honorable Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
Honorable Senate Committee on Education Members: Sen. Mike Gabbard,
Sen. Russell E. Ruderman, and Sen. Sam Slom

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My name is Agnes Malate and I wholeheartedly support Dr. Patricia Halagao's nomination to the State Board of Education. As a member of the Filipinos for Affirmative Action, I believe that Dr. Patricia Halagao has the understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures of Hawai'i and will provide valuable insight to the Board's enormous charge of providing leadership and solutions to advance the educational goals of the. As a colleague and student of Dr. Halagao, I am delighted to share some insight on the qualities she possesses that she would bring to the Board.

Dr. Halagao is prolific in the innovative programs she has established and curriculum that she has developed. Hawaii DOE and the community has benefitted from her expertise in multicultural education. She has been a leader in conducting professional development for teachers to gain understanding and appreciation of the needs of Filipino students and how to bridge the home culture to the school setting. She is also committed to developing future educators and scholars, which has been recently recognized by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. As a graduate student pursuing a doctoral degree in education, she inspires and challenges me to apply what I have learned for a better quality of life for all of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony, and I hope you will give Patricia Halagao's nomination your full consideration.