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TO: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran & Members of the Judiciary &

Labor Committee

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Letter of Support for Dakota Frenz, JC-1- Chief Justice's Apptmt Order No 2016-4 RE:

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Senate Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

RE: JC-1- Chief Justice's Appointment Order No 2016-4 Letter of Support for Dakota K.M. Frenz, Judicial Nominee for District Family Court of the 3rd Circuit (Hawaii Island)

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am writing in support of Dakota K.M. Frenz, who is currently a judicial nominee for the District Family Court of the 3rd Circuit (Hawaii Island). I am well-acquainted with Dakota and her family and I have known her for the past 37 years (for her entire life). I had the pleasure of watching her grow up into the fine young woman that she has become and I can say with certainty that I am well-qualified to offer my unequivocal support to her nomination.

Throughout her life, Dakota has always demonstrated high moral standards and more recently, she has worked diligently in her profession. She has also worked to foster a good relationship with the community of Hilo and the island of Hawaii. Dakota has always been conscientious, honest and forthright in her interactions with others. It is clear to me that one of her goals is making her community a better place for all of us.

Based on my lifelong experience, interactions and observations, I firmly believe that Dakota K.M. Frenz has the proper judicial temperament to be selected for this most important position and that her selection would be an asset to the Hawaii Judicial system and the State of Hawaii. Once again, I offer my complete support to her. If you have any questions or require additional information please don't hesitate to contact me at

Sincerely.

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