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April 17, 2015

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 677- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Timothy Renken

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 677** to confirm the nomination of Timothy Renken for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that not less than 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, parents, immediate relatives or guardians. Additionally, each Council shall include representatives of relevant State entities, including State entities that administer funds provided under Federal laws related to individuals with disabilities, including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), and Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq. and 1396 et seq.); Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; State Protection and Advocacy system; and representatives, at all times, of local and non-governmental agencies, and private nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD in the State. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

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Mr. Renken is a self-advocate and meets the Federal requirement of individuals with DD as members of the Council. Currently, he is a very active member of the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC), comprised of individuals with disabilities who lead by example and teach advocacy so people can have a life they want.

He was the Meeting Officer for SAAC for two years and was responsible for meeting preparations, friendly reminders, IT set up and breakdown, and participation in Officer Meetings. He is currently the SAAC Community Outreach Chair with responsibility for all community outreach events and activities that include arranging community speakers; participating in fundraisers, fairs and conferences; and managing SAAC's social media. Mr. Renken has been a conference guest speaker and participated in task force and strategic planning meetings.

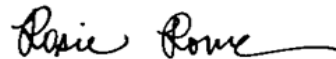
Mr. Renken currently works at the Center on Disability Studies as a Feeling Safe, Being Safe trainer teaching emergency preparedness. He is an athlete for Special Olympics and is President of the Special Olympics Toastmasters group in Honolulu.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Renken's nomination to serve on the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to convey our **strong support for GM 677 to confirm the appointment of Timothy Renken to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 677

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental
Disabilities

Gubernatorial Nominee Timothy Renken

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Timothy Renken to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Renken has been a very active member with the community of people with developmental/intellectual disabilities in the area of emergency preparedness. He has participated in 2014 Makani Pahili (the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's annual hurricane exercise) through the Disability and Communication Access Board in an emergency preparedness full-scale exercise at Bellows. He is also a trainer with the Feeling Safe, Being Safe program that assists people with developmental/intellectual disabilities prepare for emergencies.

His abilities as a leader in the community and with his peers make him an asset, and we feel his appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities recognizes and acknowledges his accomplishments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

DEBBRA L. JACKSON
Planner/ADA Coordinator

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The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

Re: GM 677 - Gubernatorial Nominee, TIMOTHY RENKEN

My name is Bathey Fong. I am in **STRONG SUPPORT of GM 677**, the confirmation of Timothy Reinken.

Timothy is an honest person. He is a caring person to everyone else. He always is watching out for us. He reminds everyone to be on time during the meetings. He reminds me of when meetings start; he is very responsible at things. Timothy will represent us well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 677.

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From: Chris Toyama [mailto:scannerchief@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 4:12 PM
To: HSH Testimony
Subject: Governors Message 677

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Health Committee: My name is Christopher Toyama I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message 677 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Timothy Renken for many years because we are in Special Olympics together and proud members of Global Messangers Toastmasters the one and only organization that is made up of Special Olympics Athletes and there parents and family Please consider GM 677 Timothy Renken to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Sincerely Christopher Toyama

From: [DB Mac Computer](#)
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Subject: Support Timothy Renken - GM 677
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Dana Palakiko
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The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

Re: GM 677 - Gubernatorial Nominee, TIMOTHY RENKEN

My name is Dana Palakiko. I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 677, the confirmation of **Timothy Reinken**.

He is a nice guy and one of my best friends. He sticks up for me and has good advocacy skills. Please approve his nomination to be on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 677.

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
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April 15, 2015

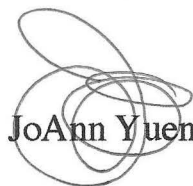
Dear Senator Green and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Dr. JoAnn Yuen. I am the director of the Center on Disability Studies (CDS), a research center in the College of Education at the University of Hawaii Manoa. I am a current appointee to the DD Council (term to expire 6/30/2018). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message #677 to designate Timothy Renken to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Mr. Renken for more than 5 years as members of the Self Advocate Advisory Council (SAAC). Mr. Renken is an engaging, gentle and thoughtful person, and an advocate for individuals with developmental and other disabilities. He has assumed leadership roles in the SAAC, and has trained to serve as a feeling safe being safe trainer to prepare individuals with disabilities for emergencies. He has presented at the annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity to promote leadership skills. Mr. Renken has the skill sets necessary to contribute to the DD Council and we will all learn and benefit from his leadership.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Timothy Renken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

JoAnn Yuen, Ed.D.

Timothy Renken
timothyrenken@gmail.com

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Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Health Committee
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Health Committee:

RE: Governor's Message 677 – Timothy Renken to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 6-30-19

My name is Timothy Renken and I am extremely interested in serving on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am a self-advocate and a member of the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC). Right now I am the Community Outreach Chair for SAAC. As the Chair, I am responsible for coordinating events such as the upcoming Children and Youth Fair in October and the Developmental Disabilities Council's Day at the Capitol event on March 12, 2015.

I am also an athlete of Special Olympics Hawaii and a member of the Global Messenger Toastmasters Club (Club #912479). I was involved with Goodwill Industries in receiving services. My hobbies include bicycling, traveling, drawing, and arts and crafts. I currently work part-time at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Disability Studies as an Administrative Assistant preparing training materials for the Feeling Safe Being Safe – Hawaii training sessions.

Thank you for your consideration of my appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mahalo,



Timothy Renken