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Sen Jill Tokuda  
24th Senatorial District  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
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**RE: DR. RAMON DELA PENA CONFIRMATION TO THE U.H. BOARD OF REGENTS**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

My name is Richard Pecson, financial planner and an active community advocate. As one the past and present officers of various community organizations (currently a member of the Board of Directors of Aloha Medical Mission and Na Loio organizations), I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Ramon Dela Pena whom I am giving my total support of his confirmation as a member of the UH Board of Regents.

I have known Dr. Pena since 1982 when I was a graduate student at the University of Hawaii, College of Agriculture. He later became one of my academic advisers, guiding me and instructing me in the way I should do my research including the writing of my thesis. He was most encouraging and supportive of the research I was doing – a blessing to any student like me then.

As I got to know him even more over the years, I later saw the other side of him: his passion for serving the community. I have always admired his honesty, hard work and the professional conduct of his community involvement.

Based on my first-hand knowledge of him, his integrity, his willingness to serve as well as his leadership experience in the community – I believe that Dr. Dela Pena is an excellent choice for membership in to the Board of Regents.



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