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**Committee on Higher Education  
March 17, 2009  
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GM No. 308  
Conference Rm. 225**

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair,  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Higher Education  
State Senate - State of Hawaii  
415 S. Beretania St., #218  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 308 Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Regents to the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mark H. Fukunaga, for a term to expire June 30, 2011

Dear Senator Tokuda and Committee Members:

I am submitting testimony in support of Mark H. Fukunaga's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii for a term to expire June 30, 2011.

Our community is truly blessed when someone of Mark Fukunaga's caliber is willing to step forward and be nominated to help our state university system provide quality higher educational opportunities for our residents and others, and achieve other commendable goals in the state's interest such as being an economic engine for our communities and establishing Hawaii's international prominence in higher education in selected fields.

Mark has long dedicated much of his personal time to helping educational organizations. I have had the privilege of serving with him as a fellow trustee of Punahou School where he has made major contributions to the strategic and financial management of the school. He also serves on the boards of Pomona College, his alma mater, and KCAA Preschools, and clearly appreciates the value of education, as he himself is well-educated, with a graduate Juris Doctor degree in law from the University of Chicago. Through the Servco Foundation, the Fukunaga Scholarship Foundation and his own pocketbook, Mark generously supports many nonprofit causes and in particular, education, including 60 college students annually with four-year scholarships worth \$16,000 each, some of whom have used their scholarships to attend the University of Hawaii system. Mark understands the many and varied constituencies with stakes in an educational institution and the importance of being sensitive to the needs of, and engaging, all constituencies.

He is well-respected in the business community as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of one of Hawaii's long-time diversified businesses, Servco Pacific Inc., and knows the

important contribution that our university can bring in better educating Hawaii's workforce and preparing it for a changing future. Through Servco and as a director or advisory board member of Outrigger Enterprises, Hawaiian Telcom and Nippon Golden Network, Mark enjoys both a broad and deep understanding of a wide range of businesses, including automotive retailing and distribution, appliance and home products distribution, commercial insurance services, international business, hospitality, real estate development and investment, telecommunications, cable television and entertainment. In addition, through Servco's investment portfolio in several Hawaii businesses, Mark understands first-hand how the commercialization of university intellectual property can benefit both the university and the community. Mark would bring very deep skills in the strategic management of large complex organizations, such as our university, and hands-on experience in nurturing healthy organizational change.

Personally, Mark is collaborative, asks penetrating questions, has superior analytical skills, is respectful of other's opinions and proactively solicits their input, and truly cares about others. He is a good person with high personal integrity and moral values. He is someone you can count on.

I ask that your Committee please approve Mark H. Fukunaga's nomination to the Board of Regents to the University of Hawaii. You can find no finer candidate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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