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Senator Joshua Green, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Senate District 3  
State Capitol, Room 215

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Senate District 6  
State Capitol, Room 230

Dear Senators Green and Baker:

Re: GM 373, Dr. Anthea Wang's nomination to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in response to Dr. Anthea Wang's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board.

I worked with Dr. Wang for several years when she was the Medical Director for the Med-QUEST Division (MQD). During this time, Dr. Wang developed and implemented a program for evidence-based smoking cessation interventions, including counseling, nicotine replacement products, and medications to be covered by health plans in the QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) programs. This program was implemented on July 1, 2010.

Hawaii was one of the first States to add smoking cessation to its Medicaid program. The work that Dr. Wang championed has made Hawaii a leader in the Medicaid community for provision of this service. The work that Dr. Wang performed allows any Medicaid beneficiary to receive the support that they need in order to quit smoking.

I strongly support Dr. Wang's nomination to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board based upon her subject matter expertise and commitment to providing care to those in the community.

Sincerely,

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