



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 707 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake for a Term to Expire June 30, 2022

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the nomination of Ms. Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake to the Board. This will be a reappointment for Ms. Daniel-Kanetake, as she was appointed in 2017 to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Ms. Daniel-Kanetake fills a position of a person with a mobility disability as a wheelchair user. In addition to her personal experience, she also has a very strong professional social services background and currently works for the Office of the Public Defender. She has several decades of experience working in various social services settings, both specifically for people with disabilities (i.e., providing independent living services) as well as social services for the larger population.

Ms. Daniel-Kanetake has been an active member of the Board in the short time since her tenure began. She is currently the Chairperson of our Legislative Committee and a member of our Executive Committee.

We thank you for your positive consideration of reappointment of Ms. Daniel-Kanetake to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

April 7, 2018

Office of Senator Rosalyn Baker
Attn: Veronique Jenkins
415 S. Beretania Street Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I have known Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake (GM 707) since October 2017. Though its' only been six months, it feels as if I have known her for years. From the first day I met her, she made a positive impression on me. Its' been an honor to work alongside her at the Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House (HPSH). I not only consider her a coworker but a friend as well.

Rosanna has proven to be an asset at the HPSH. I have seen her work with clients with different emotional and psychological issues. She has shown compassion and empathy when dealing with the clients. She knows exactly how to handle and direct the clients to achieve success in preparing them for independent living.

Based on the above, I recommend Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake to GM 707 Disability and Communication Access Board. Although I have known Rosanna for a short time, she has shown to be trustworthy and dedicated to her work. Rosanna has shown a passion to help others. In my opinion, she would be a valuable person on your committee.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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April 9, 2018

Office of Senator Rosalyn Baker
Attn: V. Jenkins
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake is currently employed as a Victim Witness Counselor II with the Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House also known as the HPSH. The Honolulu Prosecutor's Safe House is a transitional housing program that provides victims of domestic violence, sex assault and human trafficking with a long term, safe place to live. The mission of the HPSH is to assist our Residents' with supportive services to help break the cycle of violence and to achieve self-sufficiency and independence.

Rosanna has served on the Disability and Communication Access Board in the past and has expressed her passion and desire to continue to do so. Her experience and knowledge in the Social Services field spans 30+ years. I have confidence that Rosanna will continue to be an asset to the DCAB board, to those in need and to the general public.

Please let this serve as a letter of recommendation and support on Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake's behalf as a nominee DCAB board member. I would congratulate you on having her on the DCAB board to help create and improve public policy for those in our community who are disabled and who would benefit from her insight.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



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