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Wednesday, April 11, 2018
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 708, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEVE TSUNEMOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer for the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 708, regarding the **reappointment** of Steve Tsunemoto to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Tsunemoto's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Tsunemoto has served on the Board as an industry member since March 1, 2016, and has attended fourteen out of fifteen meetings since his appointment. He has been licensed as an elevator mechanic since February 21, 1989, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Tsunemoto has a long history of public service, having formerly served on the Board from July 2005 to June 2011. We believe that Mr. Tsunemoto's interest in serving on the Board, his knowledge and experience in the profession, and his desire to

contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of elevator repair and maintenance in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Mr. Tsunemoto's reappointment to the Board.



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April 5, 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair of the Senate Committee on
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St., Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Steve Tsunemoto. I have known him going on close to 17 years. I have found him to be a person of incredible integrity and honesty and during this time he has proven to be an invaluable friend and colleague.

I value Steve's insightfulness as well as his judgment and often turn to him for advice. Due to his intelligence and skills Steve has garnered the respect of all industry members and has risen to the top of our trade, working as the main troubleshooter for ThyssenKrupp Elevator.

Steve currently serves as a member of Local 126's Executive Board and as an Instructor in our Apprenticeship Program where he is able to impart his knowledge and wisdom to the next generation of Elevator Constructors.

Having served as a past Chairman of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Steve is well aware of the responsibilities, duties, and concerns facing the Board and for these reasons I am in strong support of his re-appointment to the Elevator Mechanic's Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Marc Yamane
Business Representative – Financial Secretary