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GM 805 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLI GOODIN, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony for Ms. Kelli Goodin in strong support of her recent nomination to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH).

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Goodin for a number of years in my current position as vice president for research and innovation for the University of Hawai'i System, and in both my previous positions as associate vice chancellor for research and graduate education and as a faculty member in the college of engineering at UH Mānoa. With her knowledge of the local technology community and her unwavering commitment to improving the quality and opportunities for the next generation, I feel that Ms. Goodin is an excellent choice to serve on the RCUH board.

My office is currently engaged with the local business community on the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative, a bold economic stimulus movement, to help create a diversified economy for the state through the successful commercialization of UH research. With our close partnership with RCUH, it is important to have individuals on board who understand the importance of technology and technology transfer to the state. With her past experiences as a board member of the High Technology Innovation Corporation (HTIC), positions with local companies Nova Sol and Pukoa Scientific, LLC, and her involvement with the UH Mānoa College of Engineering Dean's Council and Engineering Alumni Association University of Hawai'i -- Ms. Goodin is certainly well-qualified for the task.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.