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GM 633 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, CLAUDE ONIZUKA, for a Term to expire June 30, 2016

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

I would like to support the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Claude Onizuka to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. His expertise in the area of Government relations and the Not for Profit Sector, will add to the diversity and experience of the Commission.

The Commission has been administratively attached to the University's Vice President of Student Affairs Office for more than 10 years. Each year the Commission is responsible for managing the Americorps programs which accounts for approximately \$2.2 to 2.8 million dollars of federal money coming into our state.

As the host agency, our office is pleased with the progress and competitiveness the Hawai'i programs have shown over the past years. The Hawai'i Commission continues to provide out- reach to a diverse cross section of not for profit entities.

On behalf of my office and the University of Hawai'i, please accept this letter of support for Mr. Claude Onizuka's appointment to the Commission. The Commission's Executive Director will be present to answer any questions or concerns regarding this important appointment.

If I may be of further service, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Thank you very much for your consideration.