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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Fukunaga:

Please excuse the lateness of this response to your letter of February 26, 2009 regarding GM422. Tax season is always an extremely and challenging time of the year. Since 2005, I have enjoyed being a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), and wish to continue to work on this Board for a second term. I believe my contributions these past four years have made a difference in providing positive solutions regarding regulations and legislation for Hawaii small businesses.

The role and responsibilities of the SBRRB include reviewing new, amended and existing administrative rules governing small businesses. As a small business owner, I can relate to the important regulatory issues that confront small businesses, and I believe I have the ability to utilize my experience to ensure that administrative rules are crafted in such a way that small businesses can function and operate without unnecessary governmental burdens.

An important quality that best describes me is my accounting and tax background. As a certified public accountant, my understanding of the regulatory obstacles that face small businesses has allowed me to make prudent decisions that put the Hawaii businesses interest first. For example, this background has been helpful when in 2006, the Department of Taxation appeared before the SBRRB with the County Surcharge Tax Source rules, where I was instrumental in assisting the Agency's vetting and analysis of the rule's project.

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during my service on the SBRRB. However, should a conflict arise, I would re-cuse myself from deliberating on the subject matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments in consideration of my confirmation to the SBRRB. I welcome the challenges ahead of small businesses and I believe that with my personality, education, business background, and experience I have the tools to assist the SBRRB to succeed in its purview.

Sincerely,

Charles Au

PERSONAL HISTORY

Our goal, in addition to meeting the provisions of state statutes regarding the composition of a particular board or commission, is to select members who bring a variety of skills and life experiences to these agencies. The answers to the following questions can assist us in these efforts.

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HAWAII 37 YEARS	NAME OF SPOUSE	SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION
NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN, IF ANY SEE ATTACHED LIST		ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOL _____ ATTENDING PRIVATE SCHOOL 2

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, B.B.A. - ACCOUNTING

EXPERIENCE (Major employment record beginning with present or last employment)

FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	
1996	PRESENT	ERWIN CABRINHA & AU, LLP
1993	1996	BIDDLE ERWIN & CABRINHA
1988	1993	ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.
1986	1988	FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, HONORS, LICENSES, ETC.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CPA
HAWAII SOCIETY OF CPA

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Organizations; offices held; indicate past or present)

MEMBER OF THE CHINESE JAYCEES
TAX COMMITTEE MEMBER OF HSCPA
PRESENT TREASURER OF ALOHA FESTIVAL
PAST TREASURER, ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS
PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN, MAKE -A-WISH FOUNDATION

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD (Including awards, decorations, etc.)

POLITICAL AFFILIATION REPUBLICAN	ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION CHINESE, HAWAIIAN
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Are you currently serving on any public board or commission created by the State or any of its political subdivisions? If so, please state the name of the body and the date when your term expires. **NONE**

Have you ever been sentenced for a felony? Yes No

Offense:

Date of final discharge:

Have you ever been convicted of any act, attempt or conspiracy to overthrow the state or federal government by force or violence? Yes No

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(To be filled in by Governor's Office)

BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS IN WHICH INTERESTED
SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, B.B.A - ACCOUNTING

OTHER (Community service, military service, other information)
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