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January 25, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

I am sending this letter to wholeheartedly endorse Catherine "Cathy" Betts as the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Cathy previously served as the DHS Director since 2020 and Deputy Director since 2017. In these roles, she worked closely with all departmental divisions and agencies, providing supervisory and managerial support, and oversaw the implementation of 'Ohana Nui, the multi-generational approach to eliminate intergenerational poverty for Hawai'i's families.

She also served as the Executive Director for the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and as a Deputy Attorney General for the Social Services division's Child Welfare Services branch.

Cathy earned a J.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law and a B.A. in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

I have every confidence that Cathy will serve the state well in her capacity as the Director of the Department of Human Services.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i