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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 Sharon Hurd as the Chairperson of the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture.

Sharon has over 15 years of experience with the Department of Agriculture, most recently as a Business Development Program Manager. She managed oversight and operational control of grant programs focused on securing and administering federal grants to increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food.

She also worked for Delta Air Lines as a Cargo Sales Manager, gaining 25 years of experience and insight into air cargo sales, contract negotiation, logistical planning, and customer service. She has a demonstrated track record of achievement that spans over 40 years and a wide range of knowledge with state and federal regulations, specializing in procurement, grant administration, and contracting procedures.

Sharon earned a B.A. in zoology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I have every confidence that Sharon will serve the state well in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

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