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September 25, 2013

**SENATORS OF THE  
REPUBLICAN  
PARTY OF GUAM**

To: Senator Ron Wyden  
Chairman on Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

From: Republican Caucus of 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature

**V. ANTHONY  
ADA**  
MINORITY LEADER

Subject: Nomination of Esther Puakela Kia'aina  
Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Interior

**CHRISTOPHER  
M. DUENAS**  
ASSISTANT MINORITY  
LEADER

Hafa Adai Senator Wyden,

The Republican Senators of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature express our full support for the nomination of Ms. Esther Puakela Kia'aina for the position of Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**THOMAS  
MORRISON**  
MINORITY WHIP

Ms. Kia'aina, who currently serves as the First Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawai'i, has over twenty years of experience in government service. She has a proven record of commitment and an honorable work ethic that would serve the United States and its insular territories well. She has been instrumental in her public service with the passage of numerous legislative initiatives impacting Native Hawaiians, U.S. territories, and the freely associated states.

**BRANT T.  
MCCREADIE**  
ASSISTANT MINORITY  
WHIP

The Republican Caucus of Guam is very pleased that Ms. Kia'aina has genuine knowledge of the diverse cultures, our families, and the evolving needs of the island having been born and raised on Guam until 1978, before returning to her native Hawai'i. It is our desire upon Ms. Kia'aina's confirmation, to work closely with her as she advocates and assists Guam and the Pacific region at all levels and areas that influence the Asia Pacific realm.

**MICHAEL  
LIMTIACO**

Please consider our endorsement for the nomination of Ms. Esther Puakela Kia'aina.

**ALINE A.  
YAMASHITA,  
PH.D**

Si Yu'os Ma'ase and Thank you.

Respectfully,

Senator V. Anthony Ada

Senator Christopher M. Duenas

Senator Thomas Morrison

Senator Brant T. McCreddie

Senator Michael Limtiaco  
Ph.D.

Senator Aline A. Yamashita