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Attached please find my testimony in support of Moana M. Lutey for Corporation Counsel.

Many thanks,
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To: Government, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
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Re: GET – 1(2): Confirmation of Moana M. Lutey as Corporation Counsel

Date: May 1, 2019

Dear Chair Molina and Members of the Government, Ethics and Transparency Committee:

I am writing in support of Moana Lutey to be confirmed as the next Corporation Counsel.

I have been lucky to work with Moana as my litigation supervisor since I was hired as a Deputy Corporation Counsel in May 2014. Moana immediately stood out as a welcoming, supportive, capable, intelligent, and insightful leader. There is much to learn when starting out as a deputy in this office, and despite her own caseload, she never hesitated to guide me through difficult issues, review briefs, or provide context and insight into how the myriad County departments, divisions, board and commissions operate. She still plays this pivotal role to not just myself but to most all of my colleagues.

As an attorney, one is faced with ethical dilemmas and issues throughout any case. Moana has never hesitated in her advice to do what is right. Moana is also an incredibly compassionate individual. This is not only shown by her love of animals and the time she'll put into helping plan office birthdays, but the exhaustive effort she will put into supporting someone on a case when they need help. So much so that she has to put in extra time after hours and on weekends to complete her own large workload.

Moana is a skilled attorney, a team-builder, unflagging in her commitment, and is very much respected in our office. She has the institutional knowledge and sound judgment necessary to do an excellent job as Corporation Counsel, and I urge you to support her confirmation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kristin K. Tarnstrom