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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Re: Written Testimony in Support of Mark K. Rigg, as Director of Honolulu Emergency Services  
Department

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of Council and the Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development:

This testimony is offered in support of the nomination of Mark K. Rigg as the Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department ("HESD").

I have known Mark since 1986, when as a coach at the Outrigger Canoe Club he was on my top crew that over the next 5 years won the Molokai to Oahu canoe race four times. The work effort necessary to get to that level few people have, but fortunately for me Mark was one those that naturally has it. He has been one of the better athletes I have coached in over 25 years of coaching, but more importantly his dedication to prepare for the task at hand and to lead by example was the standard that those around him tried to live up to. These are the same qualities that will be needed as Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department at the City and County of Honolulu.

Most recently in 2011, Mark came out of retirement to once again paddle on the top crew that I was coaching at the Outrigger, and even though the rest of the crew members were younger, he was the one that everyone looked up to and tried to emulate. After all those years I am still impressed with his abilities to lead. In athletics you can't hide behind pretense and hype, you either perform or you don't. Mark is the type of person that performs, and the individual the City and County of Honolulu needs to head HESD. I would without hesitation recommend Mark Rigg to be Director.

Sincerely,  
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