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To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that Dr. Angel Ramos has been reassigned to assume the responsibilities of a vice principal of a hearing middle school in the state of Hawaii. Given Dr. Ramos' reputation and experience of being a leader in not only the Deaf community, but also Deaf Education, this reassignment is almost comical and highly inappropriate.

Dr. Ramos is well-known in the United States as being an excellent leader in the field of Deaf Education, having served as superintendent and educational leader in several very reputable schools for Deaf students: the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf, the Idaho School for the Deaf, and as a professor of Deaf Education at Lamar University in Texas. He has also authored an outstanding book related to the Gallaudet University protest, Triumph of the Spirit. This book deals with Deaf issues and the ultimate hiring of the first Deaf president at Gallaudet University, an all-Deaf university in Washington, DC.

I have known Dr. Ramos for many years, and have been thoroughly impressed with his professional knowledge and expertise in programming for Deaf and hard of hearing students. It is beyond irony and comprehension that he has been removed as principal of the Hawaii School for the Deaf.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: Dr. J. Freeman King; Professor, Deaf Education; Utah State University; Logan, Utah 84322-1000; freeman.king@usu.edu; or 435-797-1343 (office).

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