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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, April 06, 2009  
TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

The purpose of this briefing is to bring awareness of the plight of the children used as soldiers in Northern Uganda and the human rights atrocities occurring in Northern Uganda. In 2008, the Hawaii State Legislature, House of Representatives became the first legislative body in the United States to pass a measure (House Resolution 39, HD2) which officially condemned the human rights atrocities and violence in Northern Uganda, noting the violence, murders, abduction of children, families being displaced and the violations of civil rights.

Hawaii has the opportunity to be recognized as a leader in addressing civil rights violations and violence worldwide. In response to the crisis in Uganda, the Hawaii Legislature, House of Representatives has introduced HCR304 and HR276, which passed out the of House Human Services Committee on March 23, 2009; condemning the human rights atrocities and violence against children in Northern Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo and urging Congress to lead the international community in efforts to protect the children and people of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The following organizations/individuals have been invited to participate:

Invisible Children Hawaii; and

Sara Ortiz, Director of International Youth Network; and

Paul Tran, Hawaii Pacific University Professor and Advisor; and

Chelsea Travis, Hawaii Pacific University Student President for the Invisible Children; and  
fellow student advocates Lacy Gereninger; and

Aya Sato; and

Janie Turner; and

Melanie Menor; and

Others who support the Invisible Children Movement.

**Only testimony from those on the testifiers list will be accepted.**

Hearing HUS 04-06-09 Info



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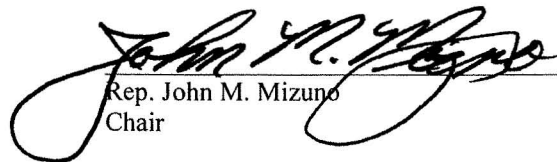
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Rep. John M. Mizuno  
Chair

