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March 17, 2009

TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair
and Members, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Faye Kennedy
President, Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus

RE: GM 352 - Relating to Appointment of
Carol Philips to the HSCSW

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

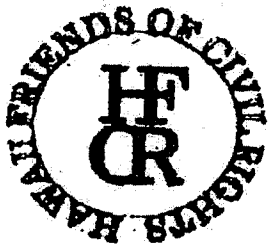
Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. My name is Faye Kennedy, and I am submitting this testimony as President of the Hawai'i Women's Political Caucus (HWPC).

HWPC welcomes the opportunity to support this nominee's re-appointment to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women because of her demonstrated commitment to the betterment of women and families and her ability to work with all segments of society.

Whether in her capacity as Governor Lingle's Information Specialist or in her more recent service as chair of the HSCSW, she has earned our trust and respect by her sensitivity to the rights of all our marginalized groups and her ability to transcend political labels.

I have personally been impressed by her interest in Dr. King's legacy and the empowerment of women and girls that transcends the duties of her jobs. At the same time, as a small businesswoman, she brings an unusually well-rounded approach to the agencies that she serves.

As president of our very active, multi-partisan state chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, I urge you to support this nomination. Thanks for the opportunity to address you.



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TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
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RE: GM 352
Room 016 at 9:30 a.m. 3/17/09

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The Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HF CR) is proud to submit this testimony in strong support of the re-nomination of Carol Philips to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women as per GM 352.

This nominee has shown the unique ability to work effectively with all segments of the community without regard to race, gender, ethnicity or political affiliation. As an Information Specialist with Governor Lingle's administration, she was unfailingly sensitive, conscientious and diligent in helping prepare messages related to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, holiday celebrations and other civil rights observances.

As chair of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, she was totally supportive and accessible to groups seeking to work collaboratively with the commission, whether to promote the rights and well-being of marginalized women and families or advocate for gender equity in business.

We have also been impressed by her personal commitment to our organization's mission by her presence at events promoting civil rights and diversity which the HF CR spearheads/supports. In view of the foregoing, we feel the community is very fortunate to have the services of this hard-working and well-rounded woman on the HSCSW.