

HCR 46



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HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TO: Chair Senator Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Senator Ihara and members of the Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ana Maring, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence amaring@hscadv.org

Date: March 17, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

RE: HCR 46 URGING CONGRESS TO PROTECT FUNDING AND MAINTAIN PROGRAMS, LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES THAT ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Aloha, my name is Carol Lee and I represent the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV). HSCADV is a private non-profit agency which serves as a touchstone agency for the majority of domestic violence programs throughout the state. For many years HSCADV has worked with the Hawaii Legislature by serving as an educational resource and representing the many voices of domestic violence programs and survivors of domestic violence.

HSCADV supports HCR 46.

Both locally and nationally many strides have been made to address the issue of domestic violence. Funding and laws have been implemented provide much needed assistance for victims. While it would be easy to sit back and say we have done what we can – we are still far from the goal of ending violence against women and children. We urge Congress to continue funding domestic violence programs and to protect the laws that have been created for their safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO: Senator Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Ihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Human Services

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DATE: March 17, 2009

RE: Support for HCR46

Please support HCR46 urging congress to protect funding that would assist victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence survivors and their children cannot survive without their community's and country's support so please take a chance on their chance to live violence-free and abuse-free lives by supporting this measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.

Independent Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate

Testimony on HCR 46, urging Congress to protect and maintain programs, laws, regulations, and policies that assist victims of domestic violence.

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Time: 1:15 pm

Place: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania St.

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services. My name is Anne Combs, and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i's Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of **HCR 46**.

Family violence deaths in Hawai'i are at an all-time high this year. As the economy worsens and people experience financial problems, increases in the cost of living, and the fact that most people have to work more than one job to survive can add to stress.

As a part of my university studies, I am required to work in a social service agency, and I am working with the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC). As an advocate of domestic violence, I have talked to many women who tell me that without this agency they would have remained in an abusive relationship and needed help in order to leave this relationship.

I have known friends and relatives who were involved in domestic violence situations, and they were able to get the help they needed in order to escape a life of violence and trauma.

Children were involved in these relationships, and it was important for these women to be able to escape this environment and they were able to protect their children from exposure to violence.

Agencies such as DVAC are able to provide assistance for victims of domestic violence and support them throughout the process of leaving an abusive relationship. Without continued funding for this program and others like it, women who are in domestic violence relationships will continue to be exposed to situations that could cost them their lives.

I urge you to continue to fund services and maintain laws, regulations, and policies that will assist victims of domestic violence. These services are essential in helping women and families to remain safe.

Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony and I urge you to support

HCR 46.

Anne Combs

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR46

Senate Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
2:00 p.m.

My name is *Kristy Kotrys* and I am testifying in SUPPORT of HCR46.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.