

Committee: Committee on Tourism, Culture and International Affairs
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, March 8, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Place: Room 312
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.C.R. 5

Dear Chair Manahan and Members of the Committee on Tourism, Culture and International Affairs:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of H.C.R. 5, which seeks to honor the International Conference on Population and Development (“ICPD”) Program of Action on the occasion of its fifteenth anniversary and urging the United States to re-commit to the eradication of global poverty and gender inequality.

The ACLU of Hawaii supports the principles relating to gender inequality reached at the groundbreaking ICPD gathering. A formal request by the state of Hawaii to urge the U.S. government to take a leadership role on reproductive health issues and to make a commitment to achieve the ICPD’s goals for women’s equality will demonstrate Hawaii’s commitment to international human rights principles and will send a strong message to the federal government that the U.S. should be seeking to advance women and girls’ health and progress worldwide.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 40 years.

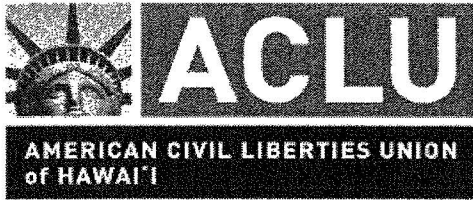
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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