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Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Aloha,

The Honolulu-Hawaii Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP) strongly supports the confirmation of Wally Fukunaga to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Wally is a champion of civil rights and equality. We feel strongly that he will faithfully represent the best interest of the people living in Hawaii and strongly urge his confirmation!

Sincerely,

Alphonso Braggs

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March 19, 2012

Testimony in Support of GM 645: Nominating Wally Fukunaga to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Wally Fukunaga's nomination to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. The JACL is pleased to offer support for our former board member and continued friend.

Founded in 1929, JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization. Locally our organization works to protect the civil and human rights of all. This work includes support for legal recognition of same-sex unions, Native Hawaiian self-determination, and protections for immigrant

rights.

Wally Fukunaga is a strong advocate for civil rights. Grounded in a strong faith perspective, Wally always works from a place of compassion and desire to fight for those who have been marginalized and silenced. The work of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission impacts us all—even those whose rights may not immediately be at stake. Thus the work of the Commission and the Commissioners themselves are critical. The State of Hawai'i will have a tireless

and vigilant champion once Wally is confirmed.

As a board member, Wally consistently brought to the table his unique

perspective and calm contemplation. On difficult matters, Wally sought out what was right, not what was easy or convenient. Perhaps because of his commitment to civil rights and his dedication to humanity, doing what was right was in fact

easy for Wally.

The JACL wholeheartedly supports Wally Fukunaga's nomination to the Hawai'i

Civil Rights Commission.

Sincerely,

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President

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March 20, 2012

TO: Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, Senator Gabbard,

Senator Ihara and Senator Slom

FROM: Amy Agbayani, Co-chair

RE: GM 645: Wallace Fukunaga

I am representing the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights in support of Wallace Fukunaga to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. HFCR supports policies, programs and individuals who are committed to equal rights and non-discrimination. Rev. Fukunaga has the appropriate educational background, community service and strong track record in civil rights. HCRC is a very important public agency because it has the responsibility for enforcing our non-discrimination laws as well as educating the public on these rights and responsibilities. Rev. Fukunaga will be an independent, thoughtful and responsible member of this committee. I respectfully urge you to support his nomination.



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