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LATE TESTIMONY

House JUD Committee
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

Thursday 3/8/12 at 2:00PM in Room 325
HCR 5 / HR 5 – Corporate Personhood

TESTIMONY

Nikki Love, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members:

Common Cause Hawaii supports HCR 5 and HR 5.

It has been more than two years since the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*. The public's understanding of this issue has grown over this time, and as we begin to see the effects in the 2012 elections, interest and concern about campaign finance is becoming more widespread.

This increasing public concern is leading to a growing movement nationwide for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to overturn *Citizens United* and rein in campaign spending by corporations. A recent Civil Beat poll showed that an overwhelming majority of Hawaii voters support this idea.

We ask the Committee to move this measure forward for continued discussion.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.