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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noelie Rodriguez	Global HOPE [Hawaii Organization for Peace & Envir	Support	No

Comments: The Roger Christie case is an embarrassment to our democracy. The Global HOPE organization (with over 800 participant/members) urges the passage of this legislation and the Constitutional rights and processes to finally be upheld.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Lichty	Drug Policy Action Group	Support	No

Comments: The Drug Policy Action Group strongly supports this resolution and its companion SR 42, SD1. Holding Roger Christie without bail is truly a travesty of justice. To say that this peaceful man is a danger to the community is truly absurd! Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Clive Cheetham	Koa'e Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew C. Bairnsfather	Christians Against Prohibition	Support	No

Comments: It is nearly completely unbelievable to me that a person, this person Roger Christie, could be imprisoned for so long without a trial. How does this not constitute torture? How is this not an obvious violation of the fundamental principles of our Constitution? I urge everyone to follow the Golden Rule. Growing, possessing, and sharing sacramental plants which God has blessed us with is NOT a crime. In fact the treatment of people like Roger Christie was prophesied long ago in 1 Timothy 4:1-5 (the Bible). Come Judgement Day when God settles all accounts and makes sure restitution is paid, I can say this, God is not going to side with those who condemned his plants and imprisoned people over it. God will make sure restitution is paid to those who have been treated shamefully due to it. If you are a supporter of this bill I urge you to be vocal in support. If you are against this bill, I beg you to humble yourself in fear of God, not humans. I mean you no harm; I'm praying for you. Please support this bill. Thank you.

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Tuesday, April 09, 2013

Letter Of Support To The Court Favoring The Immediate Release Of Roger Christie

I am J. Nayer Hardin, founder of and a conductor on the Computer Underground Railroad, a cyber division of the original Underground Railroad. We use computers and other technology to help people be free. The application of hemp, marijuana, cannabis (by whatever name) to our many problems is one of the technologies we support. The freedom to pray as our soul directs is another tool we can use to save ourselves from the environmental holocaust we have created.

I am writing this letter of support for Reverend Roger Christie who is in jail for praying with hemp and support the reverend's immediate release. I understand the process of releasing him and allowing him to have a trial, but in this time, when humanity must focus on saving ourselves from what we have created, it is imperative to unconditionally free Rev. Christie now! Paraphrasing the old typing training phrase 'now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of our world.'

My bias is I still believe in the court system's ability to make constructive change, as was demonstrated in the civil rights movement and is in process for LGBT rights. An uncorrupted court is committed to doing the right thing, what is in the best interest of the citizens above all else, by instituting the Will Of The People. Countless surveys have revealed that We The People want to be free to consume hemp, a what the Willie Nelson Peace Research Institute calls "a peaceful solution" to many of our modern problems.

There is no question that Roger Christie is a holy man in jail for empowering the process of prayer. For those who have never tried it, hemped prayer is a process of 'relax your animal so your spirit can soar.' I was raised Catholic, been doing A Course In Miracles since 1986, was a member of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's church, and am a metaphysical book reader including currently engaged in a cover to cover reading of the King James Version of the bible, having recently completed the Book(s) of Mormon (Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price). I do my best to hemp and pray every day. It keeps me on my mission without whining all the time.

The United States was founded in part on hemp, which has been used to pay taxes in the past. Given that both Washington and Jefferson were hemp farmers, it is logical to assume that their interests were part of the founding process. No way that they would want a man of prayer in jail for interacting with nature. Neither do I.

Rev. Roger Christie is an ordained minister. His site's biographical information reveals http://www.thc-ministry.org/?page_id=362

"On June 19, 2000, Roger received a license to perform marriages in the State of Hawai`i, becoming the nation's first licensed Cannabis Sacrament Minister (Hawai`i Department of Health License # 00-313). Roger founded The Hawai`i Cannabis (THC) Ministry in Hilo, Hawai`i to share the blessing of the Ministry with the world. Roger opens the Ministry to all sincere religious users and cultivators of Cannabis and has built a world-wide congregation of Cannabis sacrament practitioners from more than 60 countries."

Rev. Christie did nothing other than his ordained duties...which is why this injustice is operating in the first place. It is a minister's responsibility to provide the sacramental tools to the prayer group gathered. Yet, and we're talking America in the 21st Century, the Information Age, while in the process of fulfilling his God given responsibility Roger

Christi was arrested three years ago without as much as a trial, let alone national media coverage.

The Marijuana Legalization Organization reports

"The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says the government cannot make laws "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion. Many people use marijuana as a religious sacrament, and forcing them not to use marijuana clearly prohibits the free exercise of their religion. In order to comply with the First Amendment, our laws should allow for the religious use of marijuana.

- Rastafarians use marijuana in religious rituals to enhance their consciousness of the relationship between God, Creation, and the individual soul.
- Getting Off Drugs: The Legalization Option, by Walter Wink explains why the views of the Society of Friends (Quakers) favor legalization.
- Christians for Cannabis: Judeo-Christian scripture and tradition support the legalization of marijuana.
- The Shinto tradition incorporates Hemp in Religion
- Stephen Gaskin explores the religious use of marijuana in his book, Cannabis Spirituality."

Back in 1996 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Ruled Religion May Be Defense to Marijuana Possession

"The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled on February 2 that under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, Rastafarian defendants should be allowed to show that they use marijuana for bona fide religious reasons in their defense against charges of possession of marijuana (*U.S. v. Bauer*, No. 94-30073, 96 C.D.O.S. 756, 1996WL42240 (9th Cir. 1996); <http://www.law.vill.edu/Fed-Ct/Circuit/9th/opinions/9430073.htm>; Reynolds Holding, "Rastafarian Pot Could Be Legal," *San Francisco Chronicle*, February 3, 1996, p. A14; "Marijuana For Religious Reasons," *Washington Post*, February 5, 1996, p. A10; Associated Press, "Court: Rastafarians Can Hold Marijuana," *Chicago Tribune*, February 4, 1996, p. 9)."

I don't know if that ruling was overturned, but at least the court got that one right. We have a right to pray in the style that suits our souls best. It is most important for all of us, especially holy souls, to do the right thing, what the Lord says do.

There are many references to the herb in the bible, and Rick Simpson's caner oil sure reads like the "oil of gladness" in Psalm 45:7. Without the court's intervention in this insanity called the war on drugs, we are doomed to deal with the excess radiation coming off of the nuclear disaster in Japan. Hemp's "oil of gladness" has sent many cancers into remission.

In summary Reverend Roger Christie has no business being in jail for living as a minister and fulfilling his divinely ordained function, like Moses, Jesus and countless other great souls have been free to do before him. I am sorry to realize that we have devolved from the land of the free and the home of the brave to a nation where some forms of prayer that hurt nobody are illegal and can get one thrown in jail for years without a trial. I pray the court will erase the folly of making prayer and prayer tools illegal.

Though it is a shame that he is in jail, it would be both the right thing to do and a blessing to free Reverend Roger Christie - and all other non-violent hemp political prisoners - now. Fukushima's triple nuclear melt down is in process, genetically modified foods have been approved, we have at least 3 oil "spills" going on today, the toxins from

the BP oil spill are still in the ocean, and the news is full of talk of war. We need all the prayer warriors free that we can get just to have a chance at surviving as a species. Paraphrasing George Carlin, 'the planet will be just fine...man on the other hand' Freeing our prayer leaders affords us the opportunity to use the power to heal found in "Where two or more are gathered in my name."

For the above reasons plus his profound work in expanding the use of the cannabis prayer tool, I recommend that Roger Christie and all other non-violent political prisoners be released as unconditionally free from religious persecution, just like the Constitution says.

J. Nayer Hardin
Computer Underground Railroad Enterprises

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Stanford	hemp.org	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this resolution to urge the release of Roger Christie on bail pending his federal marijuana trial. I have known Roger since 1987 and he is a kind, peaceful man who is not a danger to anyone. It is evil that the federal government has held him almost three years for a minor marijuana crime. Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings and aloha. My name is Barabbas and I am most pleased to be afforded this opportunity to write to you. It is not so much on behalf of Reverend (Roger) Christie, as it is on behalf of myself and the joy I have knowing he may finally be allocated the due process we thought would be forthcoming.

At a formidable time in my life I was wavering between the darkness of our modern society and a more rewarding path in a more positive light. I met rev. Christie and he was almost too kind, so much so that I was considering the scenario a confidence scheme. I was so very wrong by my cynical assessment. He opened his heart and arms and I have been the better man and human for it.

In the many years I have had the privilege to know the man and his work, which are inseparable; I have continued to be awe struck at the depths a single man's heart can be fathomed. In that time he was consistent and forthright with all he owned and knew to help others. His thoughts, philosophy and feelings are true and genuine. More so than I have the strength to look into myself or I see in others.

He was beyond reproach even in his more generous acts such as keeping his private residence open to any and all whom needed help. It is a selfless act I do not see any other person in the public concerns even considering be they politician, police officer or social worker. Even with the problems it created he was adamant that he was to be accessible to his fellow man. It is an act unmatched and I still consider it to have been a leap of faith few would take.

I beseech you to consider this poor man's plight or even just proper application of our judicial system. Going on three years of incarceration with no civil or human rights is unthinkable but achievable since he is held in limbo due to the Machiavellian mechanizations of the federal bureaucratic system. This whilst others accused of violent crimes are bonded out into our communities and continue to frighten our peace. I am beyond understanding of this situation. Actually I do understand it and all the more disgusted to see it happen under the greatest social governance experiment ever created. As Kipling would say, that is a tale for another telling.

In closing, we love the good shepherd and honorable man Reverend Christie and I personally beg you to actuate the means so as to release him back into our community and collective hearts. We were all better to have him amongst us than this long and sorrowful absence.

In closing I do so thank you for your time and considerations with regards to this matter.

-Thank you and mahalo. Sincerely yours,

Barabbas M. Gould, Rev.

March 24th, 2013

April 9, 2013: On behalf of Roger Christie:

I wonder what has happened to my beloved country. It has cruelly treated one of our finest community members, Roger Christie a man of passion who was preaching as Pastor of the THC Ministry. So as far as I know, Roger has been gentle, caring, seeking harmony with all through a church sacrament that is renowned in the Bible. He is exercising his inherent rights under the first amendment as an ordained minister. He is exercising his liberty in pursuit of happiness for others and himself. He is a great benefit to his community and we want him home with us so he can continue his work.

The denial of bail to such a man is certainly beyond any reasonable due process and therefore, he is being punished in "cruel and unusual" ways while just awaiting trial! This man is presumed innocent until **proven** guilty in a court of law. So you are persecuting a presumed innocent.

Due process is guaranteed by the Constitution of America. I am proud of the coherence of our founders when they boldly proclaimed our sovereignty and sought to guarantee our Liberty in perpetuity by establishing America's Liberty and who strove to achieve Liberty for All. Since 1776 we have striven to build on this awesome beginning. Many of us have sworn oaths to protect and defend the Constitution. As a member of the US Navy, I swore an oath to the Constitution, and was proud to do so.

Surely all remember the Jefferson's Memorial inscription: *"I Have Sworn Upon the Altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."*

Our public servants and judges take oaths to protect and defend the Constitution. I expect those oaths to be honored.

This issue is simple. By all of the above, Roger must be released.

I understand that the same judge refusing bail to Roger has recently afforded a man charged with espionage, was released to a comfortable half-way house! This is an obvious reflection of the sad state of our courts. How could this ever be allowed to occur at all?

Please do all you can to correct this situation. Restore due process, justice, and fairness to our 'aina of Hawai'i and to all of America. It is wise and kind acts such as treating your fellows fairly that will send a signal to the whole of the Earth as to how Harmony can be restored and maintained. I will be proud when our justice system is working again.

"Hemp is of first necessity to the wealth & protection of the country."
-Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration.

Mahalo, In the Spirit of Aloha,

Michael T. Hyson, Ph.D.

Dr. Michael T. Hyson, Ph.D.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Keola G.A. Keola G.A. Downing, Downing, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rev. Roger Christie is a wonderful servant of the Lord. In his ministry he uses cannabis as a sacrament. He obtained permission many years ago and was very helpful to his flock as they did not always understand the law. Although the laws may have changed, his intent was very worship centered and he should be allow to post Bail so that he can work with his lawyers to find a solution to his problem. It is no less than the illegal detention of some people who are also innocent at the Guantanamo Bay facility where there are people who's identities are mistaken and who have done nothing wrong. I cannot speak of their case except to use it as an example of what the federal government has done to Rev. Christie right here in Hawai`i. Please pass the SR42 & SCR75 and end the more than three years of detention without trial or bail. This is not right and is a terrible shame for those who support the constitution of the United States of America. Rev. Christie is a good man who has done nothing wrong, and should be able to obtain legal advise, raise money for his defense and enjoy the same liberties that were set up by the founding fathers. Mahalo, Dr. Keola G.A. Downing, Ph.D.

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I support SCR75. It is a travesty of justice that a citizen of the United States has been incarcerated for three years without a trial and denied bail. Holding a citizen without due process is a breach of habeas corpus. That is unconscionable in the United States of America.

Thank you.

Ann N. Gleason

Lecturer, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Testimony on behalf of Rev. Roger Christie 2013

Rev. Kristopher D. Johnson
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Addressed to The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

RE: SCR75/SR42
URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ROGER CHRISTIE ON
BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2013
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

I am requesting Rev. Roger Christie be released on bail until trial. As Rev. Christie is a non-violent offender, and honorably discharged US Veteran, he does not pose a threat to society, and has shown the moral character to act in good faith until trial date.

Furthermore, during the raid on Rev. Christie's offices in March of 2010 the officers conducting the raid filed in their report that Rev. Christie "appeared to have a legitimate" ministry. This is instrumental regarding the prosecution and judge's comments that Rev. Christie claims the Rev. Christie acted against 'common sense' in continuing his ministry after that initial raid.

Furthermore, Rev. Christie had communicated openly and in a forthright manner for years with State and Federal law enforcement agents who had repeatedly told him they did not consider his actions threatening to their law enforcement.

I am a friend of Rev. Christie's since 1993, at which time he helped me enter into the industrial Cannabis industry by introducing me to previously established companies such as Hempstead and the Ohio Hempery. I have sold hemp textiles to Calvin Klein, Polo Ralph Lauren, and Adidas, including numerous other smaller US business. My position with the hemp importing companies cost me a 50% cut in pay from my position with Northwest Airlines at the time, but was worth it to move forward a more environmentally sustainable use of materials and energy.

I also assisted with the Hawai'i Hemp Research Project from 1999-2003, in Wahiawa, promoted by Representative Cynthia Thielen.

Shortly after that, in 2000, I was ordained through the Hawai'i THC Cannabis Ministry, and the Universal Life Church. A role I have taken very personally, and with great respect, as relating to my

personal experiences of studying world religions over the course of 35+ years. I was also issued my State of Hawai'i license to ordain marriages in 2000 and have ordained 5 marriages in Hawai'i.

In the last 6 years, I have earned my certification through River City Christian Mission in Lewiston, Idaho, and have ordained over 400 marriages in Japan.

Respectfully,
Rev. Kristopher D. Johnson

Testimony in support of Roger Christie
Reference: SCR75

April 7, 2013

Roger became a Hawaii resident in 1986. He was ordained by the Reverend Dennis Shields into the Religion Of Jesus Church 2000 June. Shortly after he was licensed to marry people by the Department Of Health, State of Hawai'i, specifically as a Cannabis Sacrament Minister. Later that year, he was a co-recipient of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii's Ho'omaluhia (Peacemaker) Award.

Roger is the founder of The Hawai'i Cannabis (THC) Ministry in Hilo where he shared the blessing of the Ministry with the world and opened his door to all sincere religious users and cultivators of cannabis. This was a world-wide congregation of cannabis sacrament practitioners from more than 60 countries.

Roger believes a balanced partnership leads to societal harmony. He refers to cultural historian Riane Eisler who conducted a cross-cultural and historical study which led to her classic works: *The Chalice* and *The Blade and Sacred Pleasure*. The author identifies a continuum of patterns for structuring relations from intimate to international.

Only days before Roger's 2010 arrest I had formed a collaboration with him for unique ceremonies to serve weddings, funerals, baptisms, communions, and more. As an eco-event coordinator and caterer, my intention was to develop the ideal ceremony to suit the custom needs and beliefs of my clients. Roger was professional and a joy to work with. His arrest was unfortunate for the entire community, visitors, family, friends, my business, and global associates.

Respectfully Submitted,
Delia Montgomery
d/b/a Chic Eco
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Support

This is about what is right and what is wrong.

Peace is the way

doug barnett

Clerk, Los Angeles Monthly Meeting of The Religious Society Of Friends (Quaker)

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Lucas Loy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: 3 years waiting a bail hearing for marijuana, shame on you!

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Dubble Kessler	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do the right thing and let the man out on bail. He shouldn't be there to begin with.

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Todd Sligar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Since when is marijuana. a threat to any society? This is absolutely ridiculous and the federal government knows it. Alcohol has proven to be a bigger threat to society than marijuana. I urge the Feds to either release Roger Christie on bail, or give him a speedy trial. I hate to think what this is going to cost the American tax payer in the long run. It looks to me that Roger Christie has a really good lawsuit in his future.

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William Harris	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Roger Christie has been denied bail because the government claims him to be a danger to the community. He cannot be said to be a danger to the community if he has never harmed any member of that community. Why would he start now? Let the government produce a victim before they cast aspersions.

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Jennifer Sams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass this measure... Mr. Christie has been held for almost THREE years without bail. That is unconscionable for an American citizen to be treated in such a manner. He is an honorably discharged veteran and has no criminal record. Please do what is right. Thank you.

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Gary Turner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please correct the injustice of incarceration without trial and release Roger Cristie. He is no threat to society.

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Ricard Peters	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a retired law enforcement employee I see Department of Justice on a mission of disinformation. Pass SCR75!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Lyle	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support SCR 75. This is the right thing to do. Thank you very much. Sincerely,
John Lyle

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Submitted on: 4/8/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Gallagher	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please respect his rights under habeas corpus. It is absurd to consider him to be a threat to society. He is not accused of murder, rape, or terroristic threatening.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Westlake	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please realize that keeping Roger Chrisite in jail is a wrongful and ethical act, and does represent the people

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Swift	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would urge you to support SCR 75.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aileen Wilkie	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Honorable Committee Members, The 8th Amendment to the Bill of Rights says: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." Please do the right thing and honor our laws and rights. Respectfully, Aileen Wilkie

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Rickard	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have known Roger Christie for a couple of decades. He is a fine man; perhaps misguided in his passion but certainly no threat to anyone and should be accorded the same bail rights that far more serious criminals are allowed.

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From: Art Farm [artfarm@aloha.net]
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 12:15 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: SCR 75 SD1

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass SCR 75 SD1 to free Rev. Roger Christie on bail so that he can prepare for his trial.

I'd also like to let you know that my painting entitled "Rev. Roger and his Sacrament" is currently on exhibit at the Spring Art Festival at the East Hawaii Cultural Center in Hilo. The exhibit runs through the 24th of April. It is offered here as visual testimony, expressing my feelings about Rev. Roger.

I have testified at the County Council, written my elected officials, including the President, and made art openly expressing my strong beliefs that Cannabis Prohibition must end, since 2000. I think that in order to be truly free we should be able to grow and use marijuana, if we wish, as long as we don't break any other laws while doing it.

Here in East Hawaii Rev. Roger Christie did push the issue of his freedom of religion to provide, what he believes to be a Sacrament to his followers and was arrested. He did it to have his day in court to defend that freedom and further the cause. It has been his life's work. Roger has shown bravery in the face of adversity and strong commitment and even a very positive outlook. I have personally witnessed this, as I have known him for over 20 years. He's still waiting for his day in court in Federal detention, almost three year since his arrest. He was not granted bail and was denied his right to a speedy trial. Rev. Roger is a peaceful man and not "a danger to the community". It is un-American to hold him without bail.

Aloha, Ken Charon / Artist. Box 742 Kurtistown HI. 96760 Tel.
808 966 7343

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clayton Hale	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Honorable Clayton Hee and members of Senate Judiciary Committee Testimony by Clayton Hale in favor of SCR 75 I do not know Rodger Christie nor do I know much about his case since I moved to Hilo after his run in with law enforcement. However over the years my indifference toward Mr Christie has been overcome by the shocking treatment of Mr Christie by the judicial system. It seems that there is a personal vendetta by someone in the judicial system toward Mr. Christie rather than the normally, rational, fair turning of the wheels of justice. Clayton Hale Kurtistown Hi

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From: lynnbybay@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:43 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: SR 42 and SCR 75

Chair Senator Hee, Vice Chair Senator Shimabukuro, Senator Gabbard, Senator Ihara Jr, and Senator Slom,

Please support SR 42 and SCR 75 URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ROGER CHRISTIE ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

To have a citizen held for two and one-half years without bail and denied a speedy trial is unconscionable.

The phrase in one testimony:.... "The government's denial of bail, however, threatens the freedom of every citizen and the basic rights enshrined in the U.S"...rings true.

Such treatment of a citizen is reminiscent of the dark times of human abuse.

Please support SR 42 and SCR 75 .

Mahalo, L. Hamilton

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Schinnerer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Three years in jail without trial and without possibility of bail is completely unacceptable by any measure of justice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Marantz	Village Green Society	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Committee Members, I have been a neighbor to Roger Christie since I moved to Big Island in 1990 and I can attest with complete confidence that he is anything but a danger to his community. The 8th Amendment to the Bill of Rights says: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." Please do the right thing and honor our laws and rights. Respectfully, Eric Marantz President Village Green Society

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Aloha Senators,

My name is John-Derick Hanale Halualani. I am 29 years old and I support Roger Christie and our Constitutional Rights.

It is obvious that justice or "sound ruling" has not been served in this situation. Being that Roger is innocent until proven guilty, all we ask as supporters is for a fair trial. Over the past 3 years here in Hawaii we've seen cases where people who are more of a danger to the community have been released on bail to prepare for their trials.

It is mind boggling to see the way our judicial system has handled this case compared to other cases. This case has made a lot of people in the community question the integrity of our State leaders and our judicial system. The great thing is that we still have faith that the right decisions will be made to give Roger a fair chance at a fair trial where justice will be served. We look forward to a hearing where an honest "sound ruling" will take place and where our Constitutional Rights will be respected and properly applied to determine the necessary outcome.

We aren't asking for much as supporters. All we ask is to review the decisions made over these past 3+ years which has been conflicting with our Constitutional Rights and do what's right in this situation... that being to release Roger Christie on bail so he may have reasonable time prepare for his trial.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

Mahalo nui,

JD H Halualani

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vanessa Dorsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The courts unjust denial of bail appears to hold Christie's Cannabis Ministry as more of a danger than those who commit violent crimes and even murder, since these people have been granted bail.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Ruggles	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please release Roger Christie in compliance with the United States Constitution. If we do not release Roger Christie we will resume making a mockery of the Hawaii Judicial System. Mahalo

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Roger Christie

I have known Mr. Roger Christie for over a decade. He is an amazing man who deserves the same rights as anyone else in our country.

I had the pleasure of meeting Roger many years ago when I was in need of spiritual counsel. He was extremely helpful & provided excellent spiritual insight & advice. He has done so consistently to this day for myself & my family.

Mr. Christie & his ministry provide a very valuable community service. I am very disappointed that Federal authorities have chosen to squander our precious national resources on prosecuting this man of God. He is non-violent & certainly not a danger to his community. Bail should have never been denied.

Consider this my full recommendation for his release on bail immediately.

Thank you for your consideration,

Travis Andrade

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Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sasha Karlik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have personally known Roger Christie since 1991. Roger Christie is ABSOLUTELY a PEACEFUL man and HE IS an asset to our community, to our nation and our entire planet. Efforts to keep Rev. Christie in prison, without bail and without a trial are simply against justice and against our constitution. Why has this man not been granted bail and given a fair and speedy trial? To treat a man of his caliber certainly appears to be politically motivated--if not orchestrated entirely from the higher levels of the government. Please do all that is within your power and do the right thing to correct this injustice--PLEASE URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ROGER CHRISTIE ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL. Mahalo, Sasha Karlik GREEN PARTY of CALIFORNIA, Coordinating Committee Member GREEN Party of Los Angeles County, Council Member

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Mary Marvin Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Hurwitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ALOHA Senators of the Judiciary Committee, I STRONGLY SUPPORT you to PASS the Senate Relolution "urging the federal government to grant Roger Christie bail until trial", or better. It is a Constitutional Right to reasonable bail, and the due prices of law proving one is innocent until proven guilty. I have personally known Roger Christie for 23 years and have NEVER, at ANY time, EVER found him to be a negative, violent, uncompassionate or offending person. It is just the opposite. He is the most compasioante person I know, always willing to help, listen , and care for his fellow human. What is being done to him is inhumane and a travesty of the law. I trust the time is now for this horrendous oversite to be reconciled and dealt with in a way more commensurate to his supposed crime. Even muderers, rapists, and violent offenders get better than he has. Please Pass This Bill, Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn P. Ordell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger is being held against his will, without due process of law. This needs to be stopped.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheri Sicard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge the committee to fight for Roger Christie's right to be released pending trial. As an author who has written extensively about how government in these United States should work, I am outraged that this man has been held for so long without trial. This is America and the right to a fair and speedy trial and the right to confront one's accusers is fundamental to our constitution. When situations like what has happened to Mr. Christie are allowed to exist, it undermines the very foundations of our government. As a patriotic American, this scares me to no end. Please, do the right thing and support Mr. Christie and restore to him the rights that every American has under the Constitution. Sincerely, Cheri Sicard author, Everyday American (2008, Bookspan); US Citizenship for Dummies (2003, Wiley); The Great American Handbook: What You Can Do For Your Country Today and Every Day (2002 Berkley Books)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerald Taber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello Senators of the Judiciary Committee, Aloha to thee. I STRONGLY SUPPORT you to PASS the Senate Resolution "urging the federal government to grant Roger Christie and myself the necessary bail until trial", or better. We give thanks in advance to God for the success of this unusual and necessary action to refresh our Constitutional Right to reasonable bail, and to restore confidence in the judicial system. This is so very important, and the time is now come to pass, to pass this resolution. Fraternally Ours, Gerald L. Taber

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lee michael walczuk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha dear committee: as a private citizen i support the release on bail of an honorable man, rev. roger christie. please allow him the opportunity to prepare for his trail. mahalo lee michael walczuk

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keiko Bonk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Hawaii State Legislators: Please support this resolution to release Roger Christie from prison. I have known Roger Christie for 20 years. I met him as the chair of the Hawaii County Council. Roger is a responsible community advocate who has been a spokesperson for many people throughout Hawaii for many decades. He has been an advocate for the decriminalization of marijuana. Roger believes that we need to reform our federal drug laws. The incarceration of Roger Christie without bail appears politically motivated. It is definitely unjust to hold a non-violent citizen for such a long period of time for a ridiculous charge. It is a violation of our basic human rights to be jailed for public policy advocacy. And this also seems to be a tactic to intimidate other advocates who are working to decriminalize marijuana. Thank you for your consideration. Aloha nui loa, Keiko Bonk

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Belinda Gross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: What the state of Hawaii has done to this man should be unconstitutional. Keeping someone in jail without bond for 3 years is barbaric. He should be able to bring charges against the state for what has been done to him. If he were a cocaine, meth kingpin, rapist or murderer then the state would have cause but this is just ridiculous. For heaven sakes let this man have a resonable bail set.....TODAY!

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**This is in support of SCR75 and SR42 "Urging the Federal Government to
Release Roger Christie on Bail Pending Trial."**

The treatment of Rev. Roger Christie these past three years is a black stain on the rule of law in this country. We all lose when an individual's right to a speedy trial is denied.

Roger Christie, a non-violent man who has been serving his community in opposition to our nation's misguided drug policies by providing medical marijuana to those in need should be released pending his long-delayed day in court. I personally know Roger Christie as a man of integrity and am outraged at his depiction as "danger to the community."

When any young American experiments with a prohibited substance and makes comparisons between the effects of legally-regulated alcohol and prohibited marijuana, he learns immediately that the laws against marijuana are based on lies and a loss of respect for the judicial system has been the result over the past half century.

When a man who knows the facts and understands that we should not continue to arrest and punish hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens for possessing marijuana is arrested and denied bail and a speedy trial, you can expect a continued erosion of respect for our legal system.

It is absurd and ironic that at a time when 52 percent of our population believes that marijuana should be legalized and controlled in the same manner of alcohol, Rev. Christie is being denied his constitutional rights as if we are living in the Soviet Union of the 1950's.

One really has to question the motivation of a legal system that continues to waste billions of dollars a year on an utterly failed "war on drugs." Is it to support the existing drug cartels and a system of law enforcement that spin around as two sides of the same coin? It is inevitable that sane drug policy will win out eventually as more and more states realize that instead of incarcerating over 700,000 citizens per year for possession of small amounts of marijuana billions can be raised as tax revenues to satisfy the demand that will never disappear.

The only "danger" Roger Christie poses is that of pointing out the sheer folly of those deluded in the community who want to continue the tragic failure, the wasted lives, and loss of respect for the law that the *status quo* of drug prohibition promotes.

Paul J. Buklarewicz
P. O Box 854
Volcano HI 96785

Aloha,

Since Roger Christie has been apprehended and held without bail for not days, not months, but years now, it has made me question why as the days continue and “more time” is needed for the opposition to prepare for this complicated case. I have seen more criminals released that actually scare me as a citizen. Rapists, robbers, suspected murderers, drug (more dangerous than cannabis) dealers, child molesters, etc. have been allowed a chance to post bail soon after their incarceration, yet Roger Christie is still more dangerous to the community...I do not feel safe.

I, like many others who had never met Roger, had misled thoughts on who he was and what he did at his Ministry. Almost all of the negative comments I’ve ever heard about him came out of the mouths of a person who had never met him – judging him. I was lucky enough to be down on my luck and looking for any and every job I could find. I saw a job opportunity at Rogers Ministry, and thought, hey, I’d love to at least meet this guy and see what he’s all about – give him a chance to get to know him rather than judge a stranger. I had no idea what I was getting myself involved in. Roger was one of the kindest, caring people I’d ever gotten the chance to meet, and again, lucky for me, he chose to take me on as a Spiritual Secretary at the THC Ministry.

I had never been a religious or spiritual person until I began working at the Ministry. It was the best job I’ve ever had. Maybe not the best pay, but more rewarding than anything else I’d ever been involved in. We were helping people. We gave food, shelter, money, time, ears to listen and a shoulder to cry on. We were doing good in the community. I can honestly say that I’ve been involved in turning people’s lives around. I still see some of their faces around Hilo and smile to myself knowing how they would have slipped through the cracks if they hadn’t met Roger Christie, and some are even more successful than me!

Roger Christie’s rights are being toyed with. It is unacceptable that he isn’t allowed a chance to post bail, yet so many other dangerous people (including police officers whose JOB is to serve and protect our communities) have been allowed this right. Why? Are cannabis users and supporters easier to target because they generally don’t fight back? Are they easier and less dangerous to apprehend? The more time that passes, the more people are opening up their eyes and finding out their government doesn’t work for them and does not support them and their safety. It is despicable that *police officers* caught with not cannabis, but more dangerous substances like meth, have gotten a more lenient ticket out.

I am writing in support of the release of Roger Christie. Dangerous is not a word that would come out of the mouth of anyone with their head on their shoulders properly who has met Roger. It isn’t in his nature, and opposes all that he believes in. There was never any hidden agenda. There was and always will be only love. There are other dangerous drug operations occurring throughout the islands that need to be targeted. I urge law enforcement to start preparing their law enforcement officers to be brave and do what they were hired to do – protect us.

Etta Karth

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norma Jean Ream	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SCR75.

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Robert Reichman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie is being held pending trial and before any conviction in violation of every legal and moral construct of our constitution. He is no danger to the community while accused rapists and murderers are allowed bail and go freely among the community. Roger has been a open and non-violent advocate for his beliefs and that is not a danger to the society in fact it is boon. If the government can't get him to trial in three years it's a sure sign they are constructing the case against him now and did not have reasonable grounds for his initial arrest. We are not supposed to be living in a police state, let's act like it.

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Beverly Frederick	WisdomWay Center	Support	No

Comments: The WisdomWay Center urges the Chair, Vice Chair and other Judiciary Committee members to vote for the Constitutional Right to reasonable bail for Roger Christie - and for all of us. His rights are our rights and those of our family, our friends, our neighbors. If we want a viable Constitution to pass down to our children we need to exercise and respect it when it's being challenged as it is now. "We the people" and you, our State Senators, need to send a message to the federal government that they derive their power ONLY from the consent of those they govern. "Silence equals consent" and we will not be silent and we will not consent to their abuse of power in this case. Roger & his wife Share were devoted yoga students of mine for many years and I know them well. To say that Roger is too dangerous to society to be given bail for 3 years makes a complete joke of our judicial system. The people of Hawaii are watching your decisions on this matter of great importance concerning the constitutional right to a fair and speedy trial.

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Lin Fristad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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linden clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please let him out on bail, we owe every American as much... and this man is a veteran!!

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April 9, 2013

Aloha,

In support of this bill I declare my experience living in the city of Hilo, Hawai'i with Roger Christie. As a neighbor, citizen, ally and friend his consistent and aloha filled contribution to constructive social integration is inspiring. I can think of no greater injustice than to deny this community of the resource and spirit Roger Christie share with it so abundantly. It is only just that our representative assembly accept as its Kuliana his defense in our name. Anything less shames us all.

E Makemake Kakou I ka PONO,

Stephen Paulmier Hilo 430 8866

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Robert Freitas Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Simon Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie is, and has always been a good, peaceful, and honest man, and I fail to see how a man with no criminal record and a community Peacemaker Award could be considered a "danger" to his community. He at least deserves his fair day in court, thank you.

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Joshua Jacob Snider		Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I wish to express my great concern over the pretrial detention and denial of bond, of my dear friend Roger Christie. He is not a dangerous or violent person and he is certainly not any kind of flight risk, both on account of his personal beliefs and convictions as well as being someone who would be easily recognized in any part of the world. I have been blessed to have known Roger Christie since 2001. I have received a great deal of spiritual support from him over the years and have talked with him in depth about various scripture excerpts as an expert in world languages and linguistics. Please afford my dear friend the right to bond, so that he may prepare for his upcoming trial in a manner consistent with our constitutional and statutory laws. Respectfully submitted, Joshua Jacob Snider Mundart Press 807 Howard Street Petoskey, Michigan 49770
Materials for Marginalized and Endangered Languages

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support SCR 75. It saddens me deeply, that Mr. Christie's incarceration has gone on so long without trial and is reminiscent of Guantanamo, or a secret prison in Poland. I am ashamed for my State and my country that Mr. Christie has lost his right to a speedy trial - guaranteed to him as a citizen. This situation has gone on long enough, it's simply unAmerican and against the ideals of any sane person. And also wastes money to detain him. Please support this Reso for Roger Christie and revive the faith of the rule of law and our democracy. Disappointed more legislators didn't help sponsor this. Mahalo.

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Rj	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is bullshit. No bail 8 times but we can go have a drink at the bar and drink time after time. Faking bs. Let your vote be heard

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Scott Grantham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Roger for a number of years. I have never been associated with a kinder, more patient man. Roger is in no way a danger to the community. His care and concern for people, his love of life, his positive outlook and the example of loving patience he has taught me and others makes him a valuable community asset. Sincerely, Scott Grantham

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JAnet Hotchkiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Roger Christie since 1992. Since then I have considered him a friend. I have always found him honest and caring toward all people, One who stands up to protect human rights. I feel Roger has been greatly wronged by the Federal Government, holding him without bail for three years and now wants to add more charges and keep him longer without giving him his rights as a citizen. I find it funny that this is happening when in the news there's an poll in the US to decriminalize Marijuana, over 50% of the people agree to make it so, there is also talk of cigarette companies getting ready to package it for sale.. Why are you keeping Roger? go after the hard drug dealers and the real bad guys, set Roger free, or at least grant him bail. He isn't going to run, he's more than honest than that.. I sencerely hope that you do what is right, follow your heart and set him free and right the injustice the system has put him though. Jan

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April Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, and Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, Ditto what I stated regarding SR42 SD1. I shutter to think what happens to inmates who's 'crimes' are in this category and have to survive incarcerated with the violent offenders.

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Kyle Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The constitution is very clear on this issue. I believe what the Federal Government and the courts are wrong on this issue. They swore to uphold our nations most prized and valuable freedoms written in the constitution and the Bill of Rights. The judges on this case don't seem to care about this man's rights and it's sad. They appear to be treating him worse than thug gangsters who kill people this man is so peaceful it's unreal. I support this bill and every effort the state is doing that supports the freedom and rights that we all should have until due process states otherwise. There isn't much more I can say that has not already been said aka other more dangerous criminals have been released on bail than a Reverend. Honestly, I think these judges should go to jail for perjury against the USA for not upholding the constitution (like that's going to happen) but still just expressing my opinion. God Bless and I'm following this case all the way. People need to know. "And it is no less true, that personal security and private property rest entirely upon the wisdom, the stability, and the integrity of the courts of justice." Joseph Story, Commentaries on the Constitution, 1833

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Ann Kobsa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let Mr. Christie out of jail already, mahalo!

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Sandra Bonk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allow bail to this citizen of the United States. Thank you.

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Gary Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The continual denial of bail to Roger Christie is clearly wrong. This case is about Federal interpretation of the cannabis debate. And it is about Federal intervention in an issue better resolved on the State and local level. As a citizen that represents a side of the debate unpopular with Washington, Roger Christie is denied his rights! Urge the Federal Court to grant him bail.

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Yeshuah Kauhane	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie Wingate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let him go. He isn't dangerous

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Janet Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support allowing Roger Christie to be granted the chance to bail. Support SR42

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Julie Pasquale	Individual	Support	No

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Monday, April 8, 2013

Supporting Testimony

Please, please support SCR75 so that Roger Christie will have right to bail before trial.

The courts unjust denial of bail appears to hold Christie's Cannabis Ministry as more of a danger than those who commit violent crimes and even murder, since these people have gotten bail. Does this make sense?

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Big Island, Hawaii
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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

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Don M Butler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Lets Keep American Rights. Roger Christie should have rights to bail as an American Citizen..

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Diana L. Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please give Roger Christy that rights to a fair and speedy trial.

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Caki Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I find it utterly obscene that Roger Christie has been held this long without bail, treated like a dangerous criminal. This is a waste of taxpayer money. It is SHAMEFUL!

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Vicki Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is an outrage that Roger Christie has been jailed for three years without bail, and without a speedy trial. This is in direct violation of his Constitutional rights. It is our Constitutional rights that make American citizens different from those in Communist countries, or under totalitarian dictatorships. I find it alarming that day by day, we see this distinction becoming blurrier, as a result of the endless and fruitless wars we are engaged in, the most egregious being the so-called 'war on drugs', which has led our nation to have the highest incarceration rate in the world. Federal agents are sworn to uphold the Constitution. They are in violation of this oath. Roger Christie must be released immediately, and granted a fair trial.

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Daryl Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pure insanity that Roger hasn't been offered bail. I've known him for years & he's the least dangerous person I know. Just remember the US Justice System gives everyone in the US the right to be innocent until proven guilty. This is ridiculous he's been imprisoned for more than a day much less than 3 years. He isn't a flight risk I know for sure. He loves Hawaii & everyone here. I've been here for more than 21 years and have never seen such a blatant abuse of the Justice System by those who we trust to keep it a fair and equitable system for all citizens in the United States of America. Hawaii is the 50th State and afforded all the same rights as the rest of the US so stop this blatant abuse of justice now! Just put yourself in his shoes for a minute, how would you feel if you had to endure the same as he has. I hope he doesn't sue the State or the Feds, but he sure has a case for unlawful imprisonment. I didn't know Guantanamo Bay was in Oahu.....

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Megan Isaac-Magdalene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators. I submit my testimony as a US resident although I am not a US citizen. I live in Hilo Hawaii which is also where Roger Christie's home is. He is a personal friend of mine. I know him to be a very sincere individual who places a great deal of faith in the process of law and in the intention of The Founding Forefathers of this Nation that all citizens enjoy equal treatment and justice in Law. Prior to his arrest Roger Christie has spent years advocating for reform of Law. If he is granted a fair trial, he will have opportunity to argue the case that Cannabis has long been 'mis-scheduled' as a 'Schedule One' substance as dangerous as 'heroin' (and other highly addictive and toxic drugs) with 'no apparent medical benefit. 'Clearly in the light of all the US States that accommodate 'medical marijuana' and the current research as well as history of medical use of Cannabis, this is a legal fiction that sooner or later will be corrected. As I understand it, Mr Christie's legal argument will also be for the case that Cannabis has been recognised by the State of Hawaii as 'sacrament' (for which he was granted a license by the State of Hawaii to conduct marriage ceremonies using Cannabis), I understand that because of this he will claim the right of 'Religious Use' and 'Religious Freedom' as protected by the US Constitution. If given a fair trial, Mr. Christie has an opportunity to argue a case that could lead to a landmark court decision and reform of Law. Many people have publicly speculated that Mr. Christie's efforts to reform Federal laws around Cannabis or 'Marijuana' may be the real reason that Mr. Christie is being detained in such irregular circumstances which are outside of Constitutional Law. In the meantime the conditions under which Roger Christie is detained are unacceptable and are an endangerment to his health. I believe the State of Hawaii should bear some responsibility for this and should be working to ensure he is granted Bail. The Honolulu Federal Detention Center where he is being held is designed for the temporary accommodation of Prisoners awaiting transfer. It is unprecedented that anyone would be kept in such conditions for such a length of time of nearly 3 years. He is subjected daily to toxic airplane fumes and is deprived of access to natural light. Since nearly a year ago his wife Share Christie has been denied the right to visit him. Further, it is on public record that media organisations such as Newsweek and National Geographic have been denied opportunity to meet with Roger and investigate the conditions under which he is being held. In summary: I believe that Mr. Christie should be afforded the same rights as any other US Citizen and that he deserves immediate release on bail pending his trial. Please support this measure.

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Daniel Lindsay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denying Roger Christie bail is a travesty of justice. Denial of bail is intended to protect the community from dangerously violent people, and to guarantee appearance of the accused at trial. Neither of those conditions applies to Mr. Christie. Roger Christie is one of the least violent people I have ever known. The idea that the community needs protection from this man is simply ludicrous. The Federal judge who insists the community needs protection from him is seriously out of touch with reality. Mr. Christie has repeatedly pledged not to engage in marijuana distribution while his case is pending, and if he were to violate this promise it would be very easy to return him to custody. Mr. Christie's home is on Hawai'i Island. He is not going to flee the jurisdiction. He has repeatedly said that he is looking forward to his day in court, to assert his rights under the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. Roger Christie should be released on bail. There is simply no valid reason to deny this plea.

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Testimony in Support of SCR75

We cannot hold a person in prison because we do not know how to charge him. We are denying Roger Christie his constitutional rights and we will all suffer the consequences. This is not about marijuana. Vote to free him immediately or let him post bail.

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Henry Horton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial..." U.S. constitution 6th amendment. Holding Rev. Christie all this time under conditions designed to impact his mental and physical health is tantamount to cruel and unusual punishment and this before a trial. Shame on us all if he is not released. the man is no danger to any one. What's the REAL agenda here?

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Pete Horst	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Whose property is my body? Probably mine. I so regard it. If I experiment with it who must be answerable. I not the state". Mark Twain. Regarding Roger Christie. The rules of engagement were laid out at the establishment of our republic. The right to a fair and speedy trial by a jury of peers. This is not happening. If you wish to be regarded with respect as leaders of the republic you must abide by the founding tenets. Please do so.

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Graham Ellis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr Christie has a right to bail, please support this resolution.

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tawni boutin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This man has been held in jail with no bail or trial for too long! Free him and let him prepare for his legal battle as any other citizen would be allowed. God gave us this planet to us! Our government is the one doing wrong!!!

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ROGER CHRISTIE'S INCARCERATION

I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF BUT HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE A MAHALO TO THE 2 SENATORS WHO HAVE THE INTEGRITY AND COURAGE TO BRING THIS INJUSTICE TO THE FOREFRONT. THE ACCUSATION THAT ROGER CHRISTIE IS A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY IS ALMOST AS ABSURD AS THE RELEASING OF COUTLESS CRIMINALS RANGING FROM PEDOPHILES, METH TRAFFICKERS, AND CITIZENS ACCUSED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESLUTING IN DEATH. BUT THE LIST GOES ON. THE ONLY THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY IS THE GOVERNMENTS FAILED ATTEMPT TO HONOR HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND TO EXTEND A LOGICAL COMPROMISE TO HIS BAIL REQUEST. GRANT HIM BAIL...THE GOVERNMENT HAS ONCE AGAIN SHOWED ITS ARROGANCE AND DEFIANCE TO THE WAR ON DRUGS AND WOULD RATHER FOCUS ON ONE PERSON'S ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE HIS INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM RATHER THEN GIVE HIM HIS DAY IN COURT. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY BUT A FASCIST ATTEMPT TO HOLD CITIZENS HOSTAGE FOR AN ILL ADVISED WAR ON DRUGS.

ARE WE LIVING IN CUBA, IRAQ, IRAN, OR IS THIS AMERICA?

STEVEN MARKHAM

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Rodney Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cannabis or its more adulterated name Marijuana has been used in both medicine and religion for thousands of years. Buddhism prominently displays cannabis leaves as part of their religious practices. Kaneh Bosm was an essential ingredient in anointing oils in the religions of Abraham which includes Christianity found in the old testament before the Greek translations. In the United States it was commonly used in medicine from 1850 to 1940 and the medical community objected to it being made illegal under a different name (marijuana) after it had already happened. This homeopathic medicine is the last refuge of the poor to grow their own medicine and treat themselves when they can no longer afford today's western medical treatment. Do right by your constituents and allow them to practice homeopathic cures without going deep into debt to western medical practices.

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Jeff Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I had the pleasure of meeting Roger Christie at a meeting of Cannabis Churches in Northern California in 2005. I joined a Jamaican Rasta church when I was 20. I am now 58. Rastas believe marijuana is the biblical tree of life for the healing of the nations. Marijuana is the most useful plant on the planet. Food, clothing, shelter, medicine, insight. I wrote Marijuana and the Bible . google Marijuana and the Bible by Jeff Brown . I can also send a free e-mail copy to anyone interested. The crime is making the most useful plant on the planet illegal. The plant is no threat to anyone and is truly a godsend. Likewise Roger is no threat to anyone. sincerely Jeff Brown jab@lciia.com

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Dr. Jeri Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rev. Roger Christie is an honorable man. If the Court, as a provision of allowing him out on bail, asks him to refrain from returning to his ministry, and he agrees, he will abide by his agreement. He poses no danger to the community by the Court's definition because he is true to his word.

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Debbie Hecht	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please release Roger Christie on bail pending his trial. He is not a danger to the community. He is a peaceful man.

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Josephine Keliipio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Roger Christie is entitled to DUE PROCESS and the federal judge has no business keeping him in prison indefinitely when he is NOT a threat to our community. Please do whatever you can do to pass this resolution ASAP. Mahalo.

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this reso. We live in the USA where no one should be held in jail for 3 years without bail and/or a trial. What gives? Please urge the Feds to do what is right!

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Uncle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Set free our dear friend Roger Christie, a blessing to his community.

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Louise Butler	Individual	Support	No

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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please free Roger. He is an agent of change, not a danger to the community.

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Lisa Kirbin	Individual	Support	No

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gary popkin	Individual	Support	No

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Kai Saith	Individual	Support	No

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donald tran	Individual	Support	No

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hanson heber	Individual	Support	No

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Julian Jiman	Individual	Support	No

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Monica Wallach	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, I am a friend of Share Christie, and an attorney licensed in the State of Missouri since 1989. In the spring of 2011, I started working pro bono to help Share and Roger on their case. On several occasions, I spoke by phone with Dana Ishibashi, the public defender representing Share until October 2011. Share told me that Dana was a friend of the prosecutor, Michael Kawahara. It seemed to me that the federal government's prosecution of Roger was far above what seemed reasonable. On one of my phone calls to Dana, I asked him if he knew the real reason the government wanted to prosecute Roger so much. Dana told me that when operation Green Harvest was in place, the program had a budget of \$460,000, of which, the federal government paid \$400,000, and the local government paid \$60,000. When Roger helped get the Peaceful Skies initiative passed on the Big Island, it prohibited the local government from spending that \$60,000. Dana said that after that, the local authorities went to the federal authorities and complained about what Roger had done, and that the federal authorities said they could still go after Roger, and that is just what they did. It seemed clear to me that Dana believed Roger had been specifically targeted because of his work in getting Peaceful Skies passed. Dana did not share with me where he got this information. I hope the Senate can find out. It is clear the federal government targeted Roger Christie. Please help bring an end to this gross travesty of justice. Sincerely, Monica Wallach, J.D.

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Dwayne Tarletz	Individual	Support	No

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Shawn James Leavey	Individual	Support	No

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Roy Lozano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I think this man has suffered enough for his mistakes. True justice has a element of forgiveness and even love. I think it is time for real justice and give this American U.S. citizen his rights to a fair hearing. And he should be free to pursue his case out on bail until he is proven guilty.

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Testimony by: Ralph C. Boyea

Testimony in favor of SCR 75 "Urging the Federal Government to Release Roger Christie on Bail Pending Trial."

To: Chairperson Hee, Vice Chairperson Shimabukuro, and Honored Senators,

I am writing in **support** of SCR 75, SD1

Roger Christie has been held in Federal prison without bail for over three (3) years. The twelve other co-defendants arrested along with him have **all** been released on bail. Roger's alleged crime is the "manufacture" and possession with intent to sell marijuana. There are no allegations of violence, weapons or other crimes. Roger's possession of marijuana was never hidden from the law, he publicly professed the right of all citizens to use marijuana as a vehicle for religious purposes. It remains to be seen whether or not he is correct in that assumption. Perhaps, if his case ever gets to trial, we will find out.

How can the Federal Government justify his being held 3 years without a trial and without bail? As a resident of Hawaii Island, I have known of Roger Christie for well over twenty years. I have never heard of any situation where he was ever a threat to me or any other members of our community. I have, however, read of **MANY** instances where violent criminals, even those charged with murder, have been released on bail. The denial of bail in Mr. Christie's case is absolutely absurd.

I want to thank Senators Ruderman and Sloan for introducing this Resolution; and, Senators Espero and Ruderman for personally meeting with Roger. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please vote in favor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 75, SD1.

Ralph C. Boyea
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Michael Aiello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A New poll from the Pew Research Center has found that 52% of adult Americans now support legalization of the substance that prosecutors claim as their rationale for imprisoning Christie in brazen violation of his rights under the US Constitution. -----

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-marijuana-legalization-majority-support-20130404,0,2533952.story> ----- Almost three years into Christie's unlawful detention, this new poll exposes the bleeding rent between the Common Sense of the American people, and the brutal inertia of so many US prosecutors (and other government employees) whose entire careers are based on "marijuana" enforcement. ----- <http://www.people-press.org/2013/04/04/majority-now-supports-legalizing-marijuana/> ----- Please do your duty and pass SCR 75/SR 42. -----
----- Mike Aiello -- Keaau, HI

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To: Hawaii Legislators

From Greg Anton
610 Davis St.
Santa Rosa, Ca 95401

Re: Roger Christie being held without bail.

To Whom it may concern:

Professionally: I have been a member in standing of the California State Bar for thirty-five years; former Deputy District Attorney, Marin County Cal, former legal advisor to the Director of The California Youth Authority, criminal defense attorney for twenty-five years.

Personally; I am a lawyer, my wife is a doctor, we have five adult children (Two of our children live in Honolulu; one is volunteer intern at a public service legal organization, one is a volunteer counselor at the Honolulu boys and Girls Club).

I have come to know Roger Christie through a friend of a friend, who made me aware of his case. I have visited Roger three times in the last year and have consulted with his wife and his attorney regarding his case.

I am of the belief that Roger being held without bail is unjust....that he is the furthest thing from being a 'danger to the community'. Such a charge is simply baseless.

As well, I am convinced that in Roger's underlying case; Roger genuinely believed that he was acting within the law; both State and Federal.

Regarding Hawaii State law; I urge the Hawaii legislature to take action to protect the sovereignty of its state laws and demand that its citizens being treated fairly.

Thank you for considering my input on this very important matter.

Greg Anton

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Pamela Elia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators of the Judiciary Committee, Roger Christie's Sixth Amendment to the United States rights have been violated. The Sixth Amendment states "in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense". Every citizen has the right to bail when accused of a crime. While there are certain specific exceptions, bail cannot be denied, and the accused is afforded the opportunity to go free, provided payment can be made. The purpose of bail is to allow an individual to remain free while awaiting trial, while it also works as a guarantee that the defendant will return to court .According to the Eighth Amendment Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. Roger Christie's Eighth Amendment rights have been violated. I plead with the Judiciary Committee to please have mercy and release Roger Christie on Bond so that he can prepare himself properly for a speedy trial. Roger has endured severe pain and suffering during his imprisonment without reasonable privileges and proper jurisprudence. Please once again have mercy on Roger and grant him release on bail. Kindest regards, Pamela Elia Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

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Tim Swift	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would urge you to support SCR 75.

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Jim Albertini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of SCR 75 calling for the release of Roger Christi. I have known Roger for decades. He is an honorable man and no danger to anyone. Every day he remains in custody deepens the stain on the rule of law and equal treatment under the law. No lie can live forever. Sere justice please. Free Roger now! Mahalo. Jim Albertini

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Richard Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, I am reluctant to say this, but the failure for years to grant bail to Roger Christie has caused me to lose faith in and my long-standing high regard for the federal judiciary. Richard Miller, Prof. of Law, Emeritus

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Greetings-

I am writing in support of Roger Christie's release. My association with Roger is distant yet binding as I am a poet linking the cannabis hemp plant to the metaphysical concept of "One" in Denver, Colorado where hemp is poised to heal the people & economy of this state.

As the premier natural resource on the planet, hemp was made legal here out of sheer necessity. Hemp is the only thing that stands between sanity and the fracking companies here on the mainland.

I believe Roger Christie to be a minister. I have the Hawaii churches' literature and am quite impressed by the informative nature of the organization. I was quite inspired to know Roger was active and making successful strides in healing the spirit of spirituality itself. He has proven his humility and peaceful nature. 33 months should be quite enough time wasted. The degree of what has been taken from Roger should be assessed and he should be compensated accordingly. Cannabis is a religious sacrament by all rites and this can be proven historically and is being proven in a certain sense as we live and breathe in a petrochemically altered world slowly dying and sinking.

Please release the man and let him continue his work.

Sincerely,
Richard J. Lotze
Denver, Colorado

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reverend Ralph D. Palm, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee, Please accept my sincere written testimony regarding the above mentioned measures addressing the unwarranted and extended incarceration/detainment of the right Reverend Roger Christie. For the record, I am in complete and full support of both of these measures. I have been an ordained minister with The Hawai'i Cannabis THC Ministry since 2004 and have found Rev. Roger Christie to be a kind and gentle man, always willing to reach out in the aid of those who are in need. His level of sincerity and transparency have not wavered one bit in the 9 years that I have known him and dealt closely with him. He has gained my respect through his consistent compassion and understanding in all matters of humanity. This man represents, to me, a novel citizen and to see him locked up like an animal based on his religious affiliation completely breaks my heart, for Roger, and for the future of justice in our great nation. The assertion, by anyone, that Rev. Roger Christie represents some sort of ill-perceived danger to any community is utterly preposterous and serves absolutely no purpose in the name of justice. It is for these very significant reasons that I ask you graciously to grant whatever considerations and investigations may facilitate the release and fair treatment of this pillar of the community, the right Reverend Roger Christie, of Hilo, Hawai'i. Thank you for your time. sincerely, Reverend Ralph Douglas Palm, Jr. THC Ministry of PA 2207 River Road Reading, PA 19605 phone: 610.939.0709

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Dear Fund for Investigative Journalism,

I would appreciate your consideration for a grant that would make it possible for me to report on the imprisonment, without trial or bail, of a true American visionary.

Hawai'i Cannabis Ministry founder, hemp educator and activist, Reverend Roger Christie, has been effective for the past quarter Century in challenging the counter-productive prohibition of Cannabis (a.k.a. hemp, 'marijuana'). (1, 2) Imprisoned-without-trial in Honolulu Federal Detention Center since July 8th, 2010, Reverend Christie has been denied bail five times and disallowed visitors for a first-time, non-violent, federal indictment. (3) Charged with "drug trafficking" the extreme circumstances surrounding the indictment and imprisonment disintegrate the credibility of our American justice system.

Even the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Ed Kubo, recognized that there was no "criminal intent" (mens era), yet Reverend Christie is being treated much more severely than people charged with violent crimes. Perhaps you are already aware of this case, since it has been a noteworthy breach of due process, exhibiting among other things, a complete disregard for the First Amendment. The initial search warrant for the raid on the THC Ministry says "this is arguably a legitimate Ministry with legitimate Ministry customers". Roger wrote to me (through the prison e-mail system) that, "I would have closed the THC Ministry in one minute if I thought it was illegal, or if anyone from law enforcement told me that it was illegal to operate."

The most obvious extreme in a list of many injustices, is that while Roger is the first person to have been awarded the Hawaiian Ho'omaluhia "Peacemaker" Award (4), he has been contrarily judged as a "danger to the community" in order to be denied bail. In effect, due process has been traded for mere slander. His trial has been delayed by the prosecution until next February 2012. What's happening to Roger is precisely what the Constitution was written to prevent.

"Defendants have attacked the BRA (Bail Reform Act of 1984) on grounds that the test for determining "dangerousness" is unconstitutionally vague.

"Although the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the BRA, the absence of a statutory definition of dangerousness makes detention hearings susceptible to discretionary inaccuracy. Such inaccuracy prevents the criminal justice system from making an accurate detention determination in every case.

"Although courts narrowly construe the limitations the BRA places on a judge's discretion at a detention hearing, empirical studies conclude that pretrial predictions of dangerousness are often inaccurate. The inaccuracy of predictions of dangerousness means that a defendant who Congress desires to be detained may be released on bail while non-dangerous defendants may suffer the consequences of being detained (i.e. "whether a defendant would threaten the "safety of any other person or the community" if released on bail"). (5)

I am writing to introduce you to what I feel is an extreme case of institutional malfeasance, that threatens the functional integrity of the U.S. Constitution. I ask

your help in reporting on Roger's selective mistreatment, essentially punishing him for being an effective advocate for drug policy reform in Hawaii.

Anything but a "danger to the community" Reverend Roger Christie has served his community by posting the following report from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) on his THC Ministry website for at least a decade.

"ICE and other Methamphetamine Use: An Exploratory Study"

(The entire report has been removed from the NIDA website)

1991-1994 Final Report

http://www.thc-ministry.org/NIDA_Report.jpg

"Highlights of the effects of marijuana eradication on the 'ice' problem:

"The use of ice in Honolulu had led to particularly serious physical and psychological problems and significant social disruption in poor working communities where it replaced marijuana which had become scarce and expensive due to eradication policies." (From the summary of findings)

"There are thought to be several influences on the tremendous growth of ice in Honolulu after 1987. Residents were both pushed away from pakalolo, their staple drug of choice, and pulled toward ice by a well-organized marketing campaign by Asian distributors. Also, the overwhelming smokable drug of choice, marijuana or pakalolo, which has been grown and used throughout the islands for many years, became the target of a government eradication campaign. This drove up prices, drastically reduced availability and left locals without their customary, and many would say relatively benign, smoke." Also very importantly, many locals derived either part or all of their livelihood from marijuana production. Robbed of this needed income many experienced considerable economic hardship. Thus when a new, easy to use, smokable product entered the market, one which at first felt non-threatening to youthful novitiates -- ice, it was readily accepted as a product to be used and sold. Initial users were often likely to think of it as a substitute of sorts for pakalolo." (Page 22)

"An important finding emerging from this study concerned the effect on individuals and communities from the scarcity of marijuana due to the eradication campaigns. Users often reported this was a major contribution to the increase in the use of meth especially in Honolulu. In many communities it had a devastating effect. As one respondent reported:

""The ice use on the Waianae coast is greater than a lot of other places in the state. This is like a central distribution center for ice. It's a known fact among the drug addicts and users on the island. It's easier to get than weed. It's not much more expensive than weed either. The amount of people here that use ice is increasing because people who couldn't find weed were starting to find ice easier. Plenty guys I know use ice because they can't find pot. I'd rather see them smoking pakalolo cause they were mellow, nice people. On ice, they change into robbing houses and carrying guns in less than one month. Things they never did on weed." (Page 123)

"Moreover, successful periodic campaigns designed to eliminate this "evil" herb,

serve to steer the user to more dangerous substances. Findings presented in Chapter 7 on the social consequences of ice in Honolulu demonstrated that the latest version of the American campaign against marijuana continues to have the same unfortunate consequences." (Page 163)

Clearly the prohibition of marijuana is being widely recognized as counter-productive to the integrity of society, and even to the stated objectives of those people who support the so-called "drug war." Evidence is overwhelming for a re-Scheduling of marijuana at the federal level, even as the government announces increased enforcement action against what is globally being revealed as a safe and effective herbal therapeutic. Most recently, the ingestion of raw Cannabis leaves and flowers, without psychoactive effect or smoke, has been effective in safely treating serious illnesses. (6, 7)

Having known and worked closely with Roger for the past twenty years, I can assure you that his qualifications and motivations for founding the Hawaiian THC-Ministry have been legitimate, selfless and sincere. Though admittedly naive in his approach to challenging entrenched federal law, Roger has worked hard for the past twenty five years, to help his community responsibly and effectively address a hard drug epidemic that is tearing Hawaii apart as the direct result of marijuana eradication. (7) The ministry was founded after decades of Cannabis scholarship, activism and religious study. Roger has been licensed by the State of Hawaii and was openly practicing for ten years, as a "Cannabis minister" with his ministry prominently operating on Main Street in Hilo, believing in the power of a state-licensed First Amendment legal orientation.

Thank you for your time, consideration and many great works. I trust that object reportage of this case will serve to uphold the spirit of the Constitution and help to reinstate due process of law. Ultimately what is needed is a review of the Federal Detainee Program, and the extreme nature of this case seems to illustrate the flaws in it as nothing else could.

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"Pulling together all at the same moment is the only way to win a tug-o'-war."

"Drugs don't make seeds, herbs do."

"You help me help you help everyone."