

I Support the People of Hawaii Having a True and Enforceable Right to Pure Water, Clean Air, a Stable Climate and Healthy Environment

While our Hawaii constitution recognizes and protects many important human, civil and political rights – such as our rights to free speech, freedom of religion, property rights and due process – it does not recognize and protect the inalienable rights of all Hawaiians to a clean and healthy environment. Passage of a Hawaii Green Amendment will raise up our environmental rights to be legally on par with the other human, civil and political rights which are protected from government infringement.

With a Hawaii Green Amendment, we will ensure and strengthen environmental protection; we will have a stronger check on government actions that could allow our water, air, soil, climate and critical natural resources to be degraded in dangerous and devastating ways; we will strengthen environmental justice protections and ensure generational environmental protection; we will strengthen the cultural and health values of the environment; we will ensure government is protecting environmental rights equitably regardless of race, ethnicity or socioeconomic status; we will be ensuring that informed government decisionmaking is a constitutional pre-requisite to taking action that could infringe upon environmental rights including accounting for the pollution and industrial burdens a community already bears, relevant science, and the of impacts proposed action; and in those instances when these mandates and constitutional environmental rights are infringed upon, we will have strengthened our position for securing needed government action.

Adding this language will strengthen the environmental protections already recognized in Article XI, Section 1 of the Hawaii Constitution that mandates the State hold public natural resources—including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources—in trust for the benefit of all people. Adding individual rights as proposed by Senator Gabbard’s Green Amendment language will create an enforceable individual right that is on par with other fundamental rights and compliments and strengthens the environmental rights of the people.

Given that we all depend upon pure water, clean air, a stable climate, and healthy environments to support and sustain our healthy lives and a healthy economy, we, the undersigned, call for the passage of a Hawaii Green Amendment to raise up environmental rights to our constitution’s Bill of Rights by Amending Article I of our State Constitution to ensure that

Each person has a right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, a livable climate and healthy ecosystems, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment, that these rights are inherent, inalienable and self-executing.

Respectfully,

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