



National Association of Social Workers
Political Action for Candidate Election

October 5, 2009

Mr. Neil Abercrombie
c/o Abercrombie for Governor
1050 Ala Moana Blvd. Ste D28
Honolulu, HI 96814

Dear Mr. Abercrombie:

On behalf of the 950 members of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Hawai'i Chapter political action committee, Hawai'i PACE, we are pleased to endorse your candidacy for Governor. The political action committee is impressed by your commitment to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

Our decision for endorsement was based on a combination of the following criteria:

- 1) Your support of NASW issues (ie, co-sponsoring HR 795 Dorothy Height and Whitney Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act). Your Congressional record over the years has been 75-100% in agreement with NASW priorities
- 2) Your position on other key issues in health and human services (ie, establishing universal health insurance, protecting a woman's right to choose, improving Medicare and Medicaid, reducing families living in poverty, assisting those with mental illness, substance abuse, and domestic violence)
- 3) Candidate's relationship with Hawai'i PACE members and NASW Board of Directors
- 4) Past endorsements

We know that you are the best candidate to advocate for the needs of Hawaii's people. Please list our organization as the *National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter* in campaign materials listing endorsements. Please feel free to call me or our Executive Director, Debbie Shimizu, at the NASW, Hawai'i Chapter office, 521-1787, if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

Renee H. Furuyama, ACSW
Chairperson
NASW Hawaii PACE

Founded in 1955, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Hawaii Chapter is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in Hawaii, with more than 950 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain standards for the profession, and to advance sound social policies. NASW also contributes to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through its work and advocacy.