



April 30, 2010

The Honorable Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawaii  
Executive Chambers  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), I urge you to not veto House Bill 444, H.D.1, S.D.1, commonly referred to as the Civil Unions' bill. Our Board, speaking on behalf of the faculty members of our organization, strongly believes that this measure is a statement for both equal justice and human rights. There is no reason to segregate out a portion of our population from the privileges received by others through committed relationships.

Earlier this year, on behalf of UHPA, we sent a letter to Speaker Say and members of the House encouraging them to not hide behind procedural measures to prevent a substantive vote on this issue. Fortunately, at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute of this year's legislative session, the House members joined the Senate in passing this bill.

As you prepare to leave office, please do not veto this bill and have it as a part of your lasting legacy as Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

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