



National Association of Social Workers
Political Action for Candidate Election

October 10, 2012

Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
86-024 Glenmonger Street
Waianae, Hawaii 96792

Dear Maile S.L. Shimabukuro,

On behalf of the 940 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 public office. 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) Candidate's support of NASW issues (eg. restoring funding cuts to health, human services, and housing programs, increasing revenue for funds, and continuing education for professional social work licensure)
- 2) Responses to our candidate questionnaire
- 3) Candidate's relationship with Hawai'i PACE members and NASW Board of Directors

NASW will continue to keep the health and human services safety net and other social work related issues at the top of the legislative agenda in 2013 and look forward to your support. 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, Marty Oliphant, at the NASW, Hawai'i Chapter office, 521-1787, if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

Joel Fischer

Joel Fischer, Ph.D.
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 940 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.