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#### Testimony in Support of HB 127, HD 1

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Catherine Betts, Esq., Executive Director, Hawai'i State Commission on the

Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 127 Relating to Healthcare

On behalf of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, I would like to thank the committee for this opportunity to provide testimony on such a vitally important issue. I would like to express my strong support for HB 127, which would ensure compassionate care for sexual assault survivors by requiring emergency departments to offer information about emergency contraception and to dispense the medication when requested.

Rape occurs in Hawai'i every day, yet many victims do not come forward for any type of help and many sexual assaults go unreported for a myriad of reasons. Some fear retribution from their perpetrators, some are ashamed and some experience such horrific trauma that they are immobilized from seeking assistance. Many victims never seek emergency care, counseling or assistance through the criminal justice system.

Despite the rate at which our residents are victimized, Hawaii has no legalized standard of care to treat victims with respect to emergency contraception. The American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have supported and endorsed a standard policy that victims be informed about and provided emergency contraception. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control's treatment guidelines provide for offering emergency contraceptives to sexual assault survivors. Many women of reproductive age do not know what emergency contraception is, and therefore, cannot ask for it. It is imperative that ALL emergency rooms inform victims about emergency contraception and have it readily available should a victim make an informed decision to use it.

Provision of emergency contraceptives to sexual assault survivors is the accepted standard of care throughout the nation. Despite these policies, Hawai'i remains a state without a standard policy or law. This lack of a standardized and consistent policy is not acceptable and constitutes a basic violation of women's human rights. The Hawaii State Legislature has an ethical and moral imperative to provide this basic information to the women of our state.

Emergency contraception is a safe and effective FDA approved method to prevent pregnancy as the result of a rape. It is not an abortion pill, nor will it terminate an existing pregnancy. The Commission urges the Committee to pass HB 127. Thank you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See American Medical Association, Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault (1995).

 $<sup>^{</sup> ext{ii}}$  See American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Committee Opinion, Number 499, August 2011, at:

http://www.acog.org/Resources And Publications/Committee Opinions/Committee on Health C are for Underserved Women/Sexual Assault.

iii Centers for Disease Control, Treatment Guidelines 2010, Sexual Assault and STDs, at: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/sexual-assault.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/sexual-assault.htm</a>.

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Twenty-sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii Tuesday, January 24, 2012

#### RE: H.B. 127, H.D. 1; RELATING TO HEALTHCARE.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 127, H.D. 1, which requires that hospitals provide sexual assault survivors with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception.

The purpose of H.B. 127, H.D. 1 is to require that hospitals:

- (1) Provide any female sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception;
- (2) Orally inform each female sexual assault survivor of the option to receive emergency contraception at the hospital;
- (3) When medically indicated, provide emergency contraception to each female sexual assault survivor who requests it, including the initial dose that can be taken at the hospital, and any further dosage as necessary; and
- (4) Ensure that each person at the hospital who may provide emergency medical care shall be trained to provide a sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception and sexual assault treatment options and access to emergency contraception.

While the language of this bill provides new mandates for hospitals in Hawaii, these requirements are reasonably related to addressing the acute medical, psychological, and emotional needs of sexual assault survivors. Furthermore the provisions of this measure are

consistent with the proper standard of professional care endorsed and recommended by the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Although sexual assault is clearly one of the most traumatic crimes that target Hawaii's women, the fear of an unwanted pregnancy and the potentially damaging medical and psychological effects that accompany it can exponentially increase the level of harm that it inflicts upon its victims. Those who have not experienced this horror cannot imagine the agony that victims experience. What these victims need is calm, caring, and supportive treatment that can help to lessen the traumatic effects of the sexual assault at a time when a victim may need to make many difficult decisions. Their ability to make the correct decisions for them is predicated on the availability of information that is accurate, thorough, and unbiased. We must assure that all victims of sexual assault in Hawaii have equal access to factual information that can facilitate the making of choices that may affect the victim for a lifetime. To do less deprives victims of the opportunity for self determination that must be available to insure their ability to transition from victim to survivor. The passage of H.B. 127, H.D. 1 will go a long way toward fulilfilling our obligation to respond to sexual assault survivors in a compassionate and medically effective manner.

For all the reasons cited above, we strongly urge that you support H.B. 127. Thank you for your time and consideration.



#### **HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Representative Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

**DATE:** January 24, 2012

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE: Conference Room 325** 

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

#### STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB127 HD1 - Relating to Healthcare

#### The Sisters of St Francis

The St Francis Healthcare System is Hawaii's only Catholic healthcare system. We currently provide Home and Community-based services such as Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care, Lifelines, Bathing services, and senior day care and housing. We are sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities of Syracuse, New York and are the legacy of the Sisters' commitment to the people of Hawaii for the past 128 years, beginning with Mother Marianne Cope and her courageous ministry in Kalaupapa. The Sisters are here in Hawaii with the permission of the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu. They must abide by and follow the Catholic Ethical and Religious Directives as well as the directives of Bishop Larry Silva.

The contributions of the Sisters of St Francis to this state are incredible. From hospital development, dialysis and transplant services to home care, hospice and palliative care, St Francis and its many community partners and supporters have shaped the landscape of healthcare in Hawaii. Always with compassion and concern for the underprivileged, St Francis has treated those in their care as "whole" people, keeping in mind their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

#### St Francis Properties

The St Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii does not own nor operate any emergency service providers or hospitals. It does, however, own the land under the former Hawaii Medical Centers East and West. Any potential or future buyer and/or operator of an emergency room on these premises must abide by the Ethical and Religious Directives of the Catholic Church. These directives include

respect for life from time of conception to natural death. Leeward Oahu is in need of emergency care, as made obvious by the results of the closure of HMC West and the community hopes to see it restored.

#### **Emergency Contraception**

In accordance with our understanding of the definition of life, pregnancy begins at conception. Medications used as emergency contraception can interfere with the implantation of a newly conceived human life. There is currently no reliable pregnancy test that will detect this stage of pregnancy therefore, women who choose to take this medication risk aborting their pregnancy.

St Francis recognizes that this is a legally acceptable option for women in Hawaii. We are always willing to provide medically and factually accurate information and, if needed, transportation for rape victims to an emergency care setting of their choice. In fact, most emergency contraceptive medications are available over the counter at community pharmacies.

While recognizing the vulnerability of the patient, we simply ask that hospitals not be mandated to provide specific medications, especially if providing it is a direct violation of their ethical directives.

#### Religious Freedom

The St Francis Healthcare System is confident that this committee can appreciate that religious freedom is what is at stake here and that there must be a way that the needs of patients and providers can be met. Standardizing the information given and ensuring access to care are issues we can support. Do not ask us to violate a core ethical directive and compromise our agreement with the Diocese of Honolulu.

The St Francis Healthcare System appreciates the opportunity to share our thoughts and thanks you for your dedication to improving health care in Hawaii. Please do not pass this bill without inclusion of a religious exemption.

Respectfully,

Joy Yadao, RN Director of Advocacy St Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii 808.547.8156 jyadao@stfrancishawaii.org



Monday, Jan. 24, 2012 • 2 p.m. Testifying in Support of HB127 HD1 On Behalf of Equality Hawaii

Aloha, Chair Keith-Agaran & Vice Chair Rhodes:

Equality Hawaii offers testimony in support of HB127 HD1.

We support the right of sex assault victims to recieve on-demand access to emergency contraception in emergency rooms as a means to prevent pregnancy.

Hate crimes can assume many forms and sexual assault is no exception. Based on a complex of power and domination, rape aims to subjugate those perceived to be less powerful, less equal or less capable of defense. Whether chosen by random or by scheme, assailants impose their will, force, and in some cases, moral judgment upon their victims.

Without question, members of our LGBT community are vulnerable to such attacks and must also bear the emotional, psychological, and physical trauma of rape. For many of us, a real consequence of sexual assault is pregnancy.

Sexual assaults are vastly underreported. In addition to the social stigmas associated with rape, many in our community do not come forward out of fear of prejudice and discrimination.

For survivors who do seek treatment, we believe they should not have to endure, yet again, a loss of power and control over their own bodies; yet again, the absence of choice or the imposition of moral judgment by those entrusted with their care who are, at the very least, expected to follow a prescribed standard of treatment.

Those of us in the LGBT community understand that "choice" and "equal access" are the benchmarks of a fair and just society. We ask that you please pass HB127 HD1 - the Compassionate Care Act.

Mahalo,

Valerie Smith Board Member Alan R. Spector, LCSW Legislative Co-Chair



Committee: Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, January 24, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 325

Re: <u>Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.B. 127, HD1</u>

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of H.B. 127, HD1, which requires hospitals to provide survivors of sexual assault with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception.

By expanding access to a critical, yet underutilized, means of pregnancy prevention, this bill would help to ensure that Hawaii women enjoy comprehensive reproductive healthcare.

#### Emergency contraception prevents a pregnancy as a result of rape.

Emergency contraception is often misunderstood and underutilized. Emergency contraceptive pills are really just high doses of oral contraceptives - the birth control pills that millions of U.S. women take every day. EC has been proven highly effective in preventing unintended pregnancy when taken no more than 72 hours after unprotected intercourse; it is most effective when taken within 12 hours. EC works by preventing ovulation, fertilization, or implantation. It does not disrupt an established pregnancy, which the medical community defines as beginning with implantation. EC should not be confused with mifepristone (RU-486), a drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September 2000 for early abortion. EC prevents unwanted pregnancy. It does not induce an abortion.

Despite the tremendous potential of EC to drastically reduce unintended pregnancy, it isn't nearly as available or as widely known as it should be. The bill you consider today would dramatically expand access to EC and provide a crucial boost to reproductive freedom and women's health.

#### Most of Hawaii's women lack 24/7 access to EC.

H.B. 127 would vastly expand access to emergency contraception for women in Hawaii, with the potential to bring about a dramatic decrease in unintended pregnancies. We know that time is of the essence in ensuring the effectiveness of EC. This problem is exacerbated in rural areas of Hawaii with fewer medical resources and for those areas without 24 hour pharmacies (every island but Oahu, which only has three).

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Research suggests that widespread fast access to EC would prevent nearly half of the unintended pregnancies in the United States, a number estimated to be as high as 2.5 million each year. Given the unacceptably high rates of unintended pregnancy, expanded access to EC is certainly an urgent public health priority.

H.B. 127 would mandate that emergency rooms counsel rape survivors concerning the availability of EC and, upon her request, provide EC on site. Perhaps nowhere is access to EC more urgently needed than in emergency rooms treating survivors of rape. In 2009 there were 125,910 rapes in the United States. According to the most recent Crime in Hawaii report, there were 363 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement in Hawaii in 2008. Many of these survivors required emergency medical care at one of Hawaii's emergency rooms.

#### Providing EC as part of sexual assault treatment is the accepted standard of care.

The major medical organizations agree: rape survivors should be counseled about and offered EC. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating a sexual assault victim state that victims should be informed about and provided EC.<sup>3</sup> The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.<sup>4</sup> Quite simply, providing EC as part of sexual assault treatment is the standard of care.

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have adopted legislation requiring the provision of information about and/or access to EC to sexual assault victims in emergency rooms.<sup>5</sup> This past year, the Federal Government also standardized rules regarding EC and now requires that all military and federal hospitals stock EC.<sup>6</sup> The Army Medical Command Regulations advise discussing and providing EC to sexual assault victims.<sup>7</sup>

Yet, despite this consensus, many hospitals fail to provide rape survivors with EC and some fail even to inform women about the available treatment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Crime Victimization Survey, US Department of Justice Bureau of Crime Statistics, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crime in Hawaii, Hawaii Attorney General's Office, 2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, American Medical Association, Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault (1995).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims (2004), at <a href="http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625">http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> States Include: AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, IL, MA, MN, NJ, NM, NY, OR, SC, UT, WA, WI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See, Department of Defense, *Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Recommendations*, November 2009, Signed February 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See, Army Medical Command Regulation, 40-36, Part 17, January 2009.

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A woman who has just survived rape is already in crisis and should not have to track down EC on her own and should have the choice of whether to undergo a rape exam in an emergency room. In addition to the emotional burdens of having to seek this emergency contraception elsewhere, the rape survivor would face increased risk of pregnancy because of the delay inherent in having to find a pharmacist to dispense EC. By the time a woman arrives at an emergency room, hours may have already elapsed since the rape took place. In the time remaining before the 72-hour window expires, obtaining EC may be virtually impossible. Moreover, as the hours tick by, her chances of preventing pregnancy decrease.

## An institution's objections to EC must not imperil a rape survivor's access to timely and comprehensive treatment.

Some health care institutions invoke religious objections to refuse to provide EC. While the ACLU of Hawaii is a staunch defender of the religious liberty of individuals, an <u>institution's</u> objections to EC must not imperil a rape survivor's access to timely and comprehensive treatment. Emergency rooms - whether religiously affiliated or not - are ethically and morally obligated to offer the best care possible to everyone who comes through their doors in need of care.

A rape survivor is often taken to a hospital by the police or emergency medical technicians. Under these conditions, most women lack the time, information, and opportunity to assess a given hospital's EC policy and ask to be taken to a facility that provides EC. Nor should she be expected to do so after surviving such a brutal crime. EC is basic health care for rape survivors and an institution's religious objections cannot be allowed to stand against the urgent needs of a rape survivor. Moreover, hospitals treat and employ people of many faiths; they should not be allowed to impose one set of religious beliefs on the people of diverse backgrounds that provide and seek their care.

In short, a hospital's failure to provide EC unacceptably leaves women at risk for becoming pregnant as a result of the assault. This bill would ensure that hospitals abide by the standard of care when treating rape survivors. For all these reasons, the ACLU of Hawaii urges support for H.B. 127.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii P.O. Box 3410 Honolulu, Hawaii 96801 T: 808.522-5900 F: 808.522-5909 E: office@acluhawaii.org www.acluhawaii.org Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary, January 24, 2011 Page 4 of 4

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Please pass H.B. 127.

Sincerely, Laurie Temple Staff Attorney ACLU of Hawaii

Email to: JUDTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Hearing on: January 24, 2012 Conference Room # 325

DATE:

January 20, 2012

TO:

House Committee on Judiciary

Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

FROM:

Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director

RE:

Opposition to HB 127 HD1 Relating to Healthcare

Honorable Chairs and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, I am Walter Yoshimitsu, <u>representing</u> the Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.

#### **GOVERNMENT COMPULSION TO VIOLATE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

Because of its religious tenets, St. Francis Healthcare System, does not provide abortion services, including "emergency contraception" which may induce early abortion. While it is true that HMC has closed its doors, St. Francis still owns the land upon which the now closed hospital sits.

Should St. Francis choose to reopen the hospital at a later date, the hospital must be able operate in a manner consistent with Catholic ethical and religious directives. Those directives prohibit complicity in the termination of life, beginning at the moment of conception, fertilization. Emergency contraceptives sometimes work post-fertilization, resulting in the termination of the new young life and the ending of the pregnancy. This violates a core religious directive.

The Catholic Church is not suggesting other health care facilities adopt their practices and/or beliefs. Nor are they suggesting the government codify Catholic medical practice protocols. We respectfully suggest the legislature can achieve its purposes and balance religious liberty, tolerance and diversity of opinion by granting a religious exemption.

We believe that the "scope of services" provided by any licensed health care institution is the prerogative of that organization's administration and its medical staff. It is that institution's right as a business and a health care provider to determine which services should be made available via its programs and facilities. In addition, it is that organization's administration and medical staff that adopts medical protocols for services to be rendered.

For all these reasons, we oppose this measure. Mahalo for your kind consideration.



#### January 20, 2012

TO: Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair, and Members

of the Committee On Judiciary

FROM: Jackie Berry, Executive Director

RE: **HB 127, HD1** 

Hearing: Tuesday, January 24th at 2:00pm

Honorable Chairperson Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairperson Rhoads, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

HMHB is a statewide coalition of public and private agencies and individuals committed to the improvement of maternal and infant health status in Hawaii through education, coordination and advocacy. HMHB is testifying today in support of HB 127,HD1 Relating to Health Care to ensure that victims of sexual assaults are given information about emergency contraception when they receive medical care at a hospital for sexual assault, and that they have access to emergency contraception if they request it.

Emergency Contraception (EC) is a safe and effective FDA approved method of preventing unintended pregnancy following unprotected sex. Medical research strongly indicates that the sooner EC is administered post exposure, the better the chance of preventing an unintended pregnancy. ED will not terminate a pregnancy if a woman is already pregnant. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOC) concur that EC counseling and treatment should be offered to all victims of sexual assault if it is determined that they are at risk for pregnancy.

The hospital is often the first point of medical contact for victims of sexual assault and those hospitals should be providing the full range of rape counseling and treatment services to those who seek care. Women have a right to receive all information on treatment options for their health and well being...

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have adopted legislation requiring the provision of information and/or access to EC to sexual assault victims in emergency rooms. The Federal Government standardized rules regarding EC and require that all military and federal hospitals stock EC.

We urge you support of this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration of this bill and our testimony.

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TO:

Representative Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran

Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

FROM:

M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina

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Co-Chairs, Legislation Committee

Hawaii Women Lawyers

RE:

IN SUPPORT - HB127 HD1: RELATING TO HEALTHCARE

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., Room 325

On behalf of the Board of the Hawaii Women Lawyers we write in strong support of HB127 HD1 which will provide information and access to emergency contraception in emergency rooms. This bill has been before the legislature for a number of years now and has yet to be passed, but the importance of it cannot be denied especially for women who have been victims of sexual assault. For victims of sexual assault, information and access to emergency contraception is just one thing which can help ease the burden of facing potential pregnancy as a result of a rape.

Hawaii Women Lawyers, founded in 1978, is a membership organization dedicated to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, to influence the future of the legal profession, and to enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all people. Our members are both men and women who have worked in all aspects of the law. Our board includes partners and associates of Hawai'i law firms, in-house counsel, legal service attorneys and law students.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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January 20, 2012

TO:

House Committee on Judiciary Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

FROM:

Allen Cardines, Jr., Executive Director

RE:

Opposition to HB 127 HD 1 Relating to Healthcare

Honorable Chairs and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, I am Allen Cardines, representing the Hawaii Family Forum. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of various Christian Churches and denominations.

Let's be clear at the forefront that the Hawaii Family Forum fully supports the compassionate care of rape victims.

We oppose this measure, however, because we strongly believe that the government should never force religious and/or private institutions to act contrary to their moral/religious tenets or governance. If the bill is passed as written, and St. Francis chooses to later reopen its doors, the law would force them to provide services that will violate their conscience.

This bill renews a constant threat against the rights of many Christian and pro-life institutions and individuals regarding their beliefs about the sanctity of human life and sexuality. Moreover, the language in the bill no way covers individuals who object to participating in the mandated items (but who will have no other choice after this law is imposed).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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January 23, 2012

#### **Testimony in Support: HB 127 HD1**

To: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Katie Polidoro, Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 127 HD1 Relating to Healthcare

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (PPHI) strongly supports HB 127 Relating to Healthcare, and we thank the committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony. HB 127 seeks to ensure compassionate care for sexual assault survivors in Hawaii by requiring that emergency departments throughout the state offer information about emergency contraception (EC) and dispense the medication when it is needed and the survivor requests it.

#### I. The Trauma of Sexual Assault is Exacerbated by the Risk of Rape Related Pregnancy

In 2009 there were 125,910 rapes in the United States. According to the most recent Crime in Hawaii report, there were 385 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement in Hawaii in 2009, up from 363 the year before. Major studies show that reporting rates for rape and sexual assault are approximately 40%. Still some studies have shown that rate to be as low as 16%. Therefore, the rate of sexual assault, both nationally and in Hawaii, is likely much higher. Many of these victims require emergency medical care at one of Hawaii's emergency rooms.

Pregnancy as the result of a rape can be profoundly traumatic. Sexual assault takes away a person's fundamental control and autonomy over her body. Victims have no choice over engaging in sexual activity or using contraception. Though statistics vary, the average rate of pregnancy resulting from rape is somewhere between 1 to 5% with an estimated 32,000 rape related pregnancies occurring every year. A total of 32.4 percent of these victims did not discover they were pregnant until they had already entered the second trimester; 32.2 percent opted to keep the infant whereas 50 percent underwent an abortion and 5.9 percent placed the infant for adoption; and an additional 11.8 percent experienced miscarriage.

#### II. EC is Safe and Effective

EC is a safe and effective way to prevent a pregnancy as the result of a rape. EC is a high dose contraceptive that, when taken within 120 hours (or 5 days) of unprotected sex, can prevent pregnancy. It is most effective

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Crime Victimization Survey, US Department of Justice Bureau of Crime Statistics, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crime in Hawaii, Hawaii Attorney General's Office, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> National Crime Victimization Survey, 2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> National Center for Victims of Crime & Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, Rape in American: A Report to the Nation, (1992).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Holmes, Melissa and Resnick, Heidi A. and Kirkpatrick, Dean G. and Best, Connie L. Rape-related Pregnancy: Estimates and Descriptive Characteristics from a National Sample of Women. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vol. 175, 2, pp. 320-325. (1995).

the earlier it is taken, with a 99% efficacy rate when taken within 12 hours, 82% within 72 hours, and decreasing thereafter.

EC is a contraceptive and is not the abortion pill. It works in two ways. Primarily, EC delivers hormones to the body that prevent ovulation from occurring. When ovulation is prevented, there is no egg to be fertilized, and a pregnancy will be prevented. EC may also be effective after ovulation has occurred. The hormones in EC cause a thickening to the cervical mucus, which prevents sperm from entering the uterus and fertilizing the egg, thereby preventing pregnancy.

EC will not terminate an existing pregnancy. According to medical authorities, such as the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the National Institutes on Health, a pregnancy occurs when a fertilized egg implants itself on the uterine lining. There is uncertainty as to whether EC will prevent a fertilized egg from implanting onto the uterine lining, and no conclusive data has been able to support that effect. More recent studies have suggested that it is unlikely that EC will prevent a fertilized egg from implanting or have any effect post-fertilization. Once implantation has occurred, EC has no effect. Whether a woman became pregnant prior to being sexually assaulted or as a result of it, EC will not terminate or otherwise affect that pregnancy.

#### III. Providing EC in Emergency Rooms is the Standard of Care

Providing EC in the Emergency Rooms is the accepted standard of care. In 1995, the American Medical Association issued guidelines for treating sexual assault patients stating that victims should be informed about and provided EC.<sup>8</sup> The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology has supported this standard of care since 2004.<sup>9</sup>

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have adopted legislation requiring the provision of information about and/or access to EC to sexual assault victims in emergency rooms. <sup>10</sup> This past year, the Federal Government standardized rules regarding EC and now requires that all military and federal hospitals stock EC. <sup>11</sup> The Army Medical Command Regulations advise discussing and providing EC to sexual assault victims. <sup>12</sup> The Religious and Ethical Directives for Catholic Health Care also call for provision of EC to sexual assault victims in most circumstances. <sup>13</sup> EC is widely recognized and accepted as a necessary part of caring for sexual assault patients.

#### IV. Sexual Assault Victims in Hawaii May Not Receive Emergency Contraception.

#### Hawaii's Emergency Rooms Have No Consistent Policy

In Hawaii, sexual assault victims do not always have access to emergency contraception when they visit local emergency rooms. In 2010, a coalition of organizations called the Coalition for Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims<sup>14</sup> (CCSAV) distributed a survey to 26 emergency departments in Hawaii. Of the 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Rev. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, "Is Plan B an Abortifacient? A Critical Look at the Scientific Evidence", The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly, (Winter 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See, American Medical Association, Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault (1995).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims (2004), at <a href="http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625">http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625</a>.

States Include: AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, IL, MA, MN, NJ, NM, NY, OR, SC, UT, WA, WI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See, Department of Defense, *Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Recommendations*, November 2009, Signed February 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See, Army Medical Command Regulation, 40-36, Part 17, January 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See, Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, Fourth Edition, Part Three, Dir. 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> CCSAV members include: ACLU of Hawaii, Healthy Mothers Health Babies Coalition of Hawaii, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

surveys returned, only 6 respondents were aware that their facility had a clear policy on EC. Only four facilities said that they have a clear policy and always offer it to victims of sexual assault. Three hospitals said they never dispense EC. Two responded that they only provide EC if the patient has a prescription, despite the fact that for women over 17, EC is a non-prescription medication. Two facilities said EC is only offered some of the time.

In November of 2010, hoping to obtain more reliable results, CCSAV worked together with Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) to review the survey. As a result HAH distributed the survey to the appropriate personnel at each facility and collected the responses itself. When HAH reported its results to CCSAV in December 2010, approximately half of the surveys had been returned. Similar to CCSAV's result, only half of the respondents reported having a clear policy on EC. The lack of consistent policy among Hawaii's emergency departments is deeply concerning.

#### Pharmacy Access is Inadequate for Sexual Assault Survivors

While EC is available over the counter in most pharmacies, in cases of sexual assault, it is important that victims receive access on site and immediately. Emergency rooms help victims avoid various difficulties that come along with accessing EC at a pharmacy or clinic. First, while EC is over the counter, it must be requested at the pharmacist counter. Second, since the efficacy of EC decreases over time, the longer a victim must wait for her local pharmacy to open, the less effective the drug will be. This is particularly a concern in areas where there are no 24 hour pharmacies or where pharmacies remain closed on Sundays.

Similarly, while EC is available at clinics such as Planned Parenthood, our clinics have limited hours, and victims could potentially wait as long as 36 hours on Oahu for our clinic to re-open, or as long as 60 hours at our neighbor island clinics.<sup>15</sup>

Emergency room access can guarantee EC access to younger victims who require a prescription for EC. According to US Health and Human Services regulations girls under the age of 17 need a prescription for EC. In Hawaii, girls under the age of 17 may obtain a prescription after consultation with a pharmacist at a pharmacy that participates in the Hawaii State Department of Health's Emergency Contraception Oral Drug Therapy Program. However, participation in this program is sparse in some areas. As of 2010, no pharmacies on Molokai or Lanai participated in this program.

The level of care provided in emergency rooms would ensure that sexual assault victims of any age have access to EC immediately and without complication or having to disclose the traumatic details of their assault to yet another person.

#### V. Conclusion

Survivors who arrive at their local hospitals have little assurance that they will receive the best standard of care after a sexual assault, including access to EC. Especially in Hawaii, victims may not be able to choose which hospital they report to. In light of the violence every sexual assault victim experiences, denying a sexual assault victim proper care is unconscionable. Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. Therefore we urge the Committee to pass HB 127 HD1. Thank you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Planned Parenthood of Hawaii's Honolulu Health Center is open Mon-Sat. Our Kailua-Kona Health Center on Hawaii Island is open M-W, F, and our Kahului Health Center on Maui is open M-F.

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January 21, 2011

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 - 2:00 p.m. House Judiciary Committee State Capitol RM 325 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: House Bill 127 HD 1 - Compassionate Care; Emergency Contraception - SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran and fellow committee members.

On behalf of the Honolulu Pride committee we ask that you support House Bill 127 HD 1.

After experiencing one of the most traumatic events that no person should EVER go through the last thing a female survivor of rape should have to worry about is if they are going to be offered ALL relevant medical care and that includes Emergency Contraception.

It is a shame that we even have a need for this bill. There is suppose to be a bond that all medical professionals will see that their patients receive the best and medically accurate care that their facility has to offer. No medical professional or organization should filter out any medicine just because they have a personal prejudice against Emergency Contraception based on some outdated and scientifically inaccurate preconception.

Some think that this is not an LGBT issue and nothing could be further from the truth. But even if this was not a LGBT issue we would still be here in support of this bill because it is the right thing to do. So why is this an LGBT issue well that is because lesbians and members of the transgender community are raped. They are raped by ignorant homophobic people that are under the horrific fallacy, that they can rape them straight or in the case of members of the transgender community that by raping them, they will magically get them to be the gender that the rapist thinks they should be and not the gender they actually are.

Regardless of the inexcusable cop-out behind any rape no survivor should have to relive their attack. Can you think of anything that would be a bigger reminder of a rape then to find out that you had been impregnated by your attacker? We surely cannot.

Emergency Contraception is not an abortion it just ensures that if an egg becomes fertilized from the rape that it cannot implant in the uterine wall. That way a survivor of rape will not have to make the decision if they will have an abortion or be carry their rapists fetus to term. A decision that no survivor should have to make and they would not have to make it if Emergency Contraception was required to be offered to survivors of rape.

So for all these reasons we ask that you protect survivors of rape and pass HB 127 HD 1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Rob Hatch Legislative Representative

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#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Tuesday, January 24, 2012 2:00 PM Room 325 STRONG SUPPORT - HB 127 HD1 - EC in the ER

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative working on prison reform and criminal justice issues in Hawai'i for almost a decade. I respectfully offer my testimony while remembering that Hawai'i has more than 6,000 people behind bars – more than 1,800 of whom are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their homes and loved ones.

HB 127 HD1 requires a hospital, including a public health facility, to (1) Provide any female sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception; (2) Orally inform each female sexual assault survivor of the option to receive emergency contraception at the hospital; (3) When medically indicated, provide emergency contraception to each female sexual assault survivor who requests it, including the initial dose that can be taken at the hospital, and any further dosage as necessary; and (4) Ensure that each person at the hospital who may provide emergency medical care shall be trained to provide a sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception and sexual assault treatment options and access to emergency contraception.

Community Alliance on Prisons stands in strong support of this long over-due health measure. Many of the women in prison are survivors of sexual assault and abuse who, unfortunately, turned to drugs to dull their pain, which then landed them in the jaws of the criminal processing system.

It is without a doubt that hospitals should be offering the standard of care to people and if they are unwilling to do so, they should not be in the health care business. Emergency contraception does not interfere with an established pregnancy. It prevents an unwanted pregnancy. Why would any person of good will want a woman to relive one of the most painful experiences of her life by not offering her the medically proven option of EC?

Emergency contraception is a safe and effective means of reducing the risk of pregnancy after unprotected sex. Women who have been sexually assaulted have a particularly compelling need for quick and easy access to emergency contraceptives. Although there is a rape protocol in existence through trained physicians and specific hospitals, the treatment is a *protocol*, not a law. It is not even a regulation. This protocol amounts to a recommendation, not a mandate and can be withdrawn or weakened at any point. All of a patient's health care needs should be met in the emergency room, especially those patients who have been violated by rape.

Time is of the essence in the dispensing of EC. It is most effective if taken within 12 hours and can be effective up to 120 hours after unprotected sex, but its efficacy decreases the longer one waits. It is, therefore, vital that women be offered EC in the emergency room, so she doesn't have to search for it herself after enduring such a traumatic experience.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Public Health Association recommend that EC be offered to all rape patients at risk of pregnancy. Likewise, in their guidelines for treating women who have been raped, the American Medical Association advises physicians to ensure that rape patients are informed about and, if appropriate, provided EC.

Some years ago Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies conducted a survey and discovered that 90 percent of the ER's do not dispense EC. This means that for those victims who chose not to call the police or the rape crisis centers, there will be unintended pregnancies resulting from rape. Women, who have suffered will be faced with an agonizing decision about what to do. For women who have just endured the worst trauma of their life because of the rape, they will now have to endure the trauma of wondering whether they could face an unwanted pregnancy. This is inhumane, in our view. A recent survey by Q Mark revealed that 84% of respondents agreed that all hospitals should provide all rape victims with medically accurate information about the potential of pregnancy as a result of the rape and that the victims should be offered EC to prevent pregnancy. Only 14 percent felt that religious based hospitals should not be required to offer EC; 2 percent were undecided.

Some emergency care facilities, invoking religious objections, refuse to provide EC because it may interfere with the implantation of a fertilized egg. Such baseless objections cannot be allowed to stand against the urgent needs of a woman who has been raped. Emergency care facilities — whether religiously affiliated or not — are ethically and morally obligated to offer the best care possible to everyone who comes through their doors in need of care. EC is basic health care for women who have been raped.

Please support women and pass HB 127 HD1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

#### Testimony for HB127 on 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM

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#### Comments:

Please change effective date to " upon approval".



A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Executive Director Adriana Ramelli DATE: January 24, 2012

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FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

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RE:

TO:

H.B. 127, H.D.1

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Compassionate Care: Emergency Contraception

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Good afternoon Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee on Judiciary. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health.

The SATC strongly supports H.B. 127, H.D.1 to ensure sexual assault survivors are provided information and access to emergency contraception. We do, however, question the bill's language which expands the scope of those required to comply with the bill's provisions. In addition to hospitals and health facilities, it refers to a "provider" category defined as "any entity that provides sexual assault survivor services in a non-hospital setting." We believe this "provider" category is unnecessary and overly broad. We respectfully recommend the bill's language include hospitals and health facilities only.

Sexual assault is a violent crime and devastating violation of another's body. According to recently released survey findings, nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States have been raped in their lives and 1.3 million women were raped in the previous 12 months (2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, Centers for Disease Control).

Tragically, sexual violence remains a major public health issue here in Hawai'i. Last year, sexual assault programs served over 3,000 survivors and their families and responded to 2,800 hotline calls.

The impact of sexual violence can be significant and for many survivors long term. In the immediate aftermath of an assault, female survivors are forced to deal not only with the emotional trauma of the attack, but also must face some very real physical consequences. This can include concerns about bodily injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and pregnancy. That is why ensuring access to high quality, comprehensive medical treatment is vitally important.

As part of medical treatment provided to female survivors of sexual assault, we firmly believe survivors should be offered medically and factually accurate information (both oral and written) on emergency contraception and be provided with contraception if the survivor so requests and if medically indicated. It is also important that medical staff serving female sexual assault survivors be adequately trained to provide complete, accurate and unbiased information on emergency contraception.

Those who seek services at SATC are provided the option of a comprehensive medical-legal examination provided at KMCWC. As part of this examination, the attending physician also offers female survivors information about emergency contraception. If the survivor is concerned about or at risk of an unwanted pregnancy, the physician can provide contraceptives if they are requested.

While some medical facilities on Oahu refer victims to SATC for services, that is not always the case. That is why <u>all</u> medical facilities in Hawaii must commit to offering emergency contraception information to the sexual assault survivors they serve and to providing contraceptives to those who choose them.

We urge you to pass H.B.127, H.D.1. It is truly sound, compassionate legislation that underscores a woman's right to choose contraception when faced with the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy resulting from a sexual assault.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Conference Room 325 January 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

#### Commenting on HB 127 HD 1.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In their efforts to provide quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members employ over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 127 HD 1, which mandates that hospital emergency departments make emergency contraception available to victims of sexual violence.

The Healthcare Association develops its positions on issues based upon the consensus of its members, and there was no consensus on this particular issue. However, health care providers agree that it is not advisable to mandate medical protocols in a clinical setting, especially an Emergency Department.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 127 HD 1.

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Comments:

Attention: House Committee on Judiciary

Hearing: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S Beretania St, Honolulu

Subject: Opposition to HB 127, HD 1 on requiring emergency contraception

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and committee members:

The measure, HB 127, HD 1 (HCSR 209), requires hospitals and providers to offer survivors of sexual assault " medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception, as well as access to emergency contraception. " This requirement is being marketed under the guise of " compassionate care. "

Victims of rape and intimate partner violence deserve compassionate care, however, emergency contraception drugs could actually harm the very women they are intended to help by causing nausea, vomiting, headaches, breast tenderness, dizziness, fluid retention, abdominal pain and irregular bleeding. Depending on when it is taken, emergency contraception can also result in early abortion. The bill does not specifically require that patients be informed of these risks to obtain informed consent. We believe that women deserve better.

We are concerned that among other problems with the bill, the language, which is very broad, could include be interpreted to include pregnancy resource (counseling) centers. Under the paragraph " compassionate care", it appears that the definition of " hospital" has been expanded to include anyone who helps women who may have had a " sexual encounter. " The bill defines " sexual assault" as someone who alleges sexual penetration.

Another problem with this bill is that it fails to provide a healthcare right of conscience exception for hospitals or individuals who object to offering emergency contraception for medical, ethical, moral, or religious reasons. Passage of this bill would almost certainly pose a problem to re-opening the two Catholic-owned (now bankrupt) hospitals, Hawaii Medical Centers East and West.

If this bill is passed, it will trample the conscience rights of individual healthcare providers, including doctors, nurses, and pharmacists. It will also give the imprimatur of governmental authority to those who do not consider EC to be an abortafacient to " recommend" it to patients, rather that simply offering it as one of multiple

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options. (We've heard from several women who were told they " had" to take EC by nurses or others in the emergency room, with no effort to explain the pros and cons in a rational way.)

Those who refuse could risk discipline from their own employers and would be subject to fines of \$1,000 for each separate instance. This sets a dangerous precedent by allowing the government to mandate what healthcare providers MUST do, violating individuals' constitutional rights and in effect practicing medicine without proper training or licensing. Without a "right of conscience" exception HB 127 is a clear violation of several federal laws including the 2005 Weldon Amendment and 42 USC § 238n which reads:

The Federal Government, and any State or local government that receives Federal financial assistance, may not subject any health care entity to discrimination on the basis that—

(1) the entity refuses to undergo training in the performance of induced abortions, to require or provide such training, to perform such abortions, or to provide referrals for such training or such abortions

Violation of these laws may place tens of millions of dollars of federal health funding at risk-exacerbating Hawaii's budget problems. Moreover, patients will ultimately suffer as healthcare providers set aside their own best judgment and follow governmental requirements or leave the practice of medicine rather than violate their own consciences.

We urge the members of the Hawaii House Judiciary Committee to oppose this bill. Mahalo for hearing our concerns.



January 24, 2011

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Health

From: Jeanne Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: HB 127 HD1 Relating to Health Care

Hearing: Tuesday, January 24, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support

Good afternoon, I am Jeanne Ohta, Co-Chair of the Hawaii State Democratic Women's Party testifying in support of HB 127 HD1 Relating to Healthcare. Requiring emergency rooms in Hawaii to offer information about and access to Emergency Contraception (EC) will help us ensure that sexual assault survivors have access to high quality, compassionate care. The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawai'i's women and girls. It is because of this mission, the Women's Caucus strongly supports this measure.

In 2009 there were 125,910 rapes in the United States.<sup>1</sup> According to the most recent Crime in Hawaii report, there were 363 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement in Hawaii in 2008.<sup>2</sup> Many of these survivors required emergency medical care at one of Hawaii's emergency rooms. Sexual assault is a life threatening event and one that causes most victims long-term trauma. Survivors often suffer depression, intense fear, anxiety, and symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder. Healing can take a lifetime.

In the aftermath of rape, victims find themselves dealing with a host of reproductive and sexual health issues, including pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate the approximately 5-8% of all rapes result in pregnancy. Emergency contraceptives are a safe and effective way to prevent a pregnancy as the result of a rape. Providing EC in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided EC.<sup>3</sup> The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care. <sup>4</sup>

However, in Hawaii, sexual assault victims do not always have access to emergency contraception when they visit local emergency rooms. Statewide surveys of Hawaii's emergency rooms have revealed that many facilities lack any clear policy on emergency contraception.

It is time to pass SB 218 HD1 and ensure that Hawaii's most vulnerable patients have access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Crime Victimization Survey, US Department of Justice Bureau of Crime Statistics, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crime in Hawaii, Hawaii Attorney General's Office, 2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, American Medical Association, Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault (1995).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims (2004), at <a href="http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625">http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625</a>.



To: The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

From: Veronika Geronimo, Executive Director

Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: HB127, HD1 - SUPPORT

Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 2:00 PM

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads, and members of House Committee on Judiciary, the Hawai`i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence respectfully submits the following testimony in support of HB127 HD1. As a statewide coalition of domestic violence service providers, our mission is to engage communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice.

In its most violent form, domestic violence involves sexual violence where the victim is raped and/or forced to perform sex acts against her will. Many women may need medical treatment and emergency contraception as a result of experiencing sexual violence at the hands of their partners. For these women who experience intimate partner violence, "no" is not an option because of the threat of violence or further emotional abuse.

One of the deepest injuries of rape and domestic violence is that the victim's right to self-determination has been violently taken over by another. HB127 requires that emergency rooms provide all sexual assault survivors who seek care information about emergency contraceptives and administer emergency contraceptives if a victim chooses. Access to emergency contraception and quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault empowers survivors with vital information and an effective way to prevent unintended pregnancies as a result of rape in the context of ongoing domestic violence.

Thank you for your consideration.

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January 23, 2012

House Judiciary Hearing on HB 127 HD1 at 2 p.m. Room 325 Tues. January 24, 2012

Dear Committee Members and Chair Keith-Agaran:

Pro\_Family Hawaii is totally opposed to H.B. 127.

It is an evil bill, repeatedly rejected by the Legislature.

If it passes, it assures that the two hospitals owned by the Franciscan Sisters will never be sold or reopened, because is mortal sin, an expression foreign to many non-Catholics.

Daniel P. McGivern, President

The use of contraceptives is a mortal sin; abortion itself is a graver mortal sin. That is why the last purchasers of the hospitals--renamed Hawaii Medical Center East and West--had to agree to never violate the Catholic teachings on these matters. It was no problem for the doctors however, as they also opposed contraceptive use and abortion.

#### In support of HB 127 - Compassionate Care

GLBT Caucus Chair [chair@glbtcaucushawaii.org]

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Sexual assault causes immediate and long-term trauma in most victims. The possibility of pregnancy as a result of rape exacerbates that trauma.

That is why offering Emergency Contraception (EC) has long been the standard of care in sexual assault cases. In Hawai'i many hospitals have no clear policy, and some hospitals refuse to provide EC to patients who want it. HB 127 requires Hawaii's emergency rooms to provide EC, the standard of care deemed appropriate by the medical profession for sexual assault cases.

The Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Caucus supports women in their quest for reproductive rights. The woman is in the best position to balance all the factors involved and determine the best course of action. In a traumatic situation such as sexual assault, she should be informed of all her options. If she chooses EC in the ER, which is the standard of care for sexual assault, the medical facility should support her choice.

Jo-Ann M. Adams, Chair

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# TESTIMONY TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Supporting HB127, HD1 Hearing: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

January 22, 2012

House Committee on Judiciary Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran Vice Chair Karl Rhoads

RE: HB127 HD1, Emergency Contraceptive in the Emergency Room ("EC in the ER")

Aloha, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

I wish to express my support of HB127 HD1, which guarantees that sexual assault victims are provided information and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at our state's hospitals.

In Hawai'i, sexual assault victims do not always have access to emergency contraception when they visit local emergency rooms. Statewide surveys of Hawai'i's emergency rooms have revealed that many facilities lack any clear policy on emergency contraception. Hawai'i is behind in adopting this much needed compassionate care policy; Fifteen states and DC have already adopted similar legislation, and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.

There were 363 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement in Hawai'i in 2008, according to the most recent Crime in Hawai'i report. In the aftermath of rape, victims find themselves dealing with a variety of reproductive and sexual health issues, including pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate the approximately 5-8% of all rapes result in pregnancy. Information and access to emergency contraception can significantly lower these incidences.

Please pass HB127 HD1 which will ensure that Hawai'i's sexual assault victims have access to quality compassionate care, and are given the option of preventing an unwanted pregnancy from nonconsensual intercourse.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully yours, Carmille Lim

<sup>1</sup>Crime in Hawai'i, Hawai'i Attorney General's Office, 2008

#### I Support House Bill 127

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Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 4:18 PM

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To: Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee

From: Carolyn A. Hadfield

I was appalled to learn that emergency rooms in Hawai'i's hospitals do not routinely provide emergency contraception to victims of rape. I had expected otherwise in a state that has a history of supporting reproductive rights for women.

Women who seek to prevent pregnancy as a result of rape must have immediate access to contraception in emergency rooms as a matter of policy. No woman should be forced to wait at a pharmacy or submit to another examination when they have already been traumatized by rape. Furthermore, the option of emergency contraception for victims of rape should be simply a matter of policy; something that is offered to every victim of rape, and done in a way that does not further traumatize her.

Please pass House Bill 127, The Compassionate Care Act.

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January 22, 2012

Re: HB 127 SUPPORT: COMPASSIONATE CARE

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee

Sexual Assault is a crime and the victims of this crime need justice that only the access to emergency contraception can provide at the crucial time that the victim is in an Emergency Room in any Hospital in Hawaii.

Please remember your vow to provide protection and care to all people in our state. This is time for the best possible medical care.

Our women deserve the opportunity to clear, scientific information about Compassionate Care at this critical time after the crime of sexual assault called rape.

Please pass HB127. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Rev. Carolyn M. Golojuch, MSW Native American Spiritualist

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Submitted on: 1/22/2012

#### Comments:

My testimony has been submitted for the past two years it is absolutelly unacceptable that we do not have compasionate care for all on our Islands

#### Testimony for HB127 on 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM

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Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Tiana Wilkinson Organization: Individual E-mail: tianakai@yahoo.com Submitted on: 1/21/2012

#### Comments:

My name is Tiana Wilkinson and I am a resident and voter from Windward Oahu. I am in support of HB 127 that would require hospitals and medical providers to give accurate information to survivors of assault about emergency contraception. It should be the patient's decision, not the providers as to whether she receives this medication. Every woman deserves the option and to make her own decision.

Mahalo,

Tiana Wilkinson

## Testimony on HB 127, HD1

Gary-O [Gary-O@hawaii.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2012 11:45 AM

To: JUDtestimony

January 23, 2012

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

DATE:

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

TIME:

2:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

#### HB 127, HD1 (HSCR209)

#### RELATING TO HEALTHCARE.

Requires hospitals and providers to provide survivors of sexual assault with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception, as well as access to emergency contraception. Requires providers to provide certain additional services. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB127 HD1)

Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Gary Okino. I am here today in strong opposition to HB 127, HD1 (HSCR209).

Primarily, I am gravely concerned that this bill does not provide a healthcare right of conscience exception for hospitals or individuals who object to offering emergency contraception for medical, ethical, moral, or religious reasons. Those who refuse face penalties by state government and could risk discipline from their own employers. This would set a dangerous precedent by allowing the government to mandate what healthcare providers must do, violating individuals' constitutional rights and in effect practicing medicine. Patient care will ultimately suffer as healthcare providers must set aside their professional judgment and follow governmental requirements or leave the practice of medicine rather than violate their own consciences.

At a time when the Legislature has been emphasizing the protection of the rights of citizens, this measure will be taking away the right of healthcare professionals to live by their deeply-held religious values that have remained constant and unchanging over thousands of years since the beginning of mankind.

I ask that, at a minimum, you protect and preserve this basic and fundamental right of conscience, by providing a religious exemption in the measure.

Secondarily, I am very concerned that this bill will almost certainly prevent the re-opening of the two Catholic owned and recently bankrupted hospitals, Hawaii Medical Centers East and West.

We are in dire need of hospitals and emergency services. As you probably are aware, without these hospitals, we have

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seriously constrained our organ donor capabilities.

Because of these two major negative impacts on our people, I ask that you do not pass this bill in any form.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Gary Okino

Testimony for Public Hearing Committee on Judiciary January 24, 2012

> Annie R. Hollis 574 Lauiki St. #2 Honolulu, HI 96826

H.B. No. 127 (Committee) - An Act Relating to Healthcare.

Good afternoon committee members. My name is Annie Hollis and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, studying for my Master's degree in social work. I am also a part-time employee of the University of Hawaii and Planned Parenthood of Hawai'i, and a volunteer with TJ Mahoney & Associates. All of the places that I work and study have a common thread: working for the public interest of the women and girls of Hawai'i. I am here not as an employee, but as a student, advocate, volunteer and social worker.

I am here to ask you to support HB 127, ensuring access to emergency contraception for survivors of sexual assault who seek emergency medical care in Hawaii's hospitals. There is a lack of clear policy on the issue among hospitals in Hawaii, undoubtedly resulting in some survivors not having access to emergency contraception after an assault. Access to emergency contraception following a sexual assault is a critical step in ensuring the recovery of survivors.

I have been working for the public interest of women and girls for the past ten years, in a variety of capacities. I worked as a sexual assault helpline volunteer, and then in a domestic violence shelter for five years. I currently volunteer with TJ Mahoney & Associates, a community-based correctional facility

for women transitioning to the community from prison. I also work with Planned Parenthood of Hawaii and am an MSW student. Throughout my work, sexual assault has always been a common thread, because sexual assault is such a common experience in women's lives. The rates of assault in our communities are staggering. In Hawaii in 2009, there were 385 reported forcible rapes, an increase of 6.1% in one year, and in the City & County of Honolulu, forcible rapes increased by 19.7%. The City & County of Honolulu has the lowest rates of rape in the state—in Maui county, forcible rape increased by 47.4%. Kauai County has the overall highest rate of rape in the state, with 50.7 assaults per 100,000 population. Native Hawaiian women have among the highest rates of sexual abuse.

These are extremely distressing statistics. As the rate of rape is rising, it is clear that Hawai'i's hospitals need a clear and consistent policy that ensures survivors have access to emergency contraception. In a sexual assault, the survivor loses control of her bodily autonomy and has no choice to use contraception or not. In my personal experience working with survivors of sexual assault, if the survivors were able, they almost always chose to use emergency contraception. I am positive that in my work as a social worker in Hawai'i, I and my clients will continue to deal with sexual assault. I want to be able to ensure that the women and girls I work for can receive the best possible care. In a social worker-client relationship, the social worker is often the first person to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Crime in Hawaii, Hawaii Attorney General's Office, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crime in Hawaii, Hawaii Attorney General's Office, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Blaisdell-Brennan, H.K. & Goebert, D. *Health Care Utilization Among Women on O'ahu: Implications for Native Hawaiian Women*, at <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12180506">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12180506</a>.

know after something traumatic happens. I want to be able to tell them that if they visit an emergency room after an assault, they will receive emergency contraception if they choose to use it. I want my clients to be able to prevent unintended pregnancies as the result of rape, instead of waiting due to shame and embarrassment, then having to make an even more difficult decision in the future. As it stands now, I cannot tell my clients that they will receive emergency contraception in a hospital as a fact. There is no guarantee. The women and girls of Hawai'i deserve better.

Emergency contraception is safe, legal, and now available to women over 17 without a prescription. Given the intense trauma of experiencing a sexual assault, and the incredibly difficult decision that women make to even seek medical treatment and/or report the assault to the police, the state of Hawai'i should enact this policy making it easier, not harder, for women and girls to recover from this traumatic event. Emergency contraception is most effective if used within twenty-four hours, but can be effective up to five days after unprotected sex. <sup>4</sup> Many survivors present first to the emergency room due to the physical trauma they have experienced during the assault. It's essential to ensure that if a survivor seeks medical treatment, she is given every option available to regain control of her body.

Survivors of sexual assault deserve the best medical care available.

Unfortunately, as the law stands, there is no guarantee that survivors will be offered emergency contraception. This Act would fill the gap, ensuring that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> How Effective is Emergency Contraception? Office of Population Research & Association of Reproductive Health Professionals at Princeton, at http://ec.princeton.edu/questions/eceffect.html.

survivors of horrific, violent assaults receive not only the best care available, but have the option to use emergency contraception to prevent an unwanted pregnancy. I urge the Committee to pass HB 127. Thank you.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Lissa Cockett Organization: Individual E-mail: lissa097@yahoo.com Submitted on: 1/23/2012

#### Comments:

Hawaii State Representatives, I graciously ask you to look at the facts for this bill. Emergency contraceptives are a band-aid to the concern at hand compared to giving REAL compassionate care to the sexual assault victim by supporting them with love, counseling etc. Please see attached testimony and facts about rare pregnancy from a sexual assault and what the key -true concerns are of the vicitm. Mahalo much for serving our state with righteousness and tenacity!

**Testimony in Opposition** 

HB 127 HD1

Bill to be heard by JUD on Tuesday, 01-24-12

2:00PM in House conference room 325.

Report Title: Compassionate Care; Emergency Contraception

Dear House of Representative Members,

I stand opposed to HB 127 titled Compassionate Care; Emergency Contraceptives.

Please see the comprehensive data below that backs my position on this bill. Please take time to look at this proposed drug from all angles to assure our State does not rush into legalizing a measure that will not have redeeming value for the victims as the proponents claim it will. Mahalo for your consideration.

I also oppose the tactics of the backers of this proposed bill that they would call such a measure "compassionate care". Compassionate care is needed for mothers and their babies here in Hawaii versus focusing on ending a pregnancy. In the article below it states that women are not traumatized by the pregnancy itself if it does occur from a sexual assault but they are mostly traumatized by the lack of support from family, friends, the public in general as they are scrutinized because they chose to keep the pregnancy. Interesting enough, out of convenience there is a population of people who think that taking a pill will fix a sexual assault. This is not looking at this problem in the true sense. There is a lack of compassion for the victim because there is shame and guilt attached to administering this proposed drug that will have long lasting if not life long effects on this already traumatized individual.

Our state has always stood righteously to give support to victims of crime offering life giving support and counseling to assure such crimes would have minimal long-lasting affects for those impacted by the heinous acts of others. It is my opinion that offering an emergency contraceptive to someone under much distress will further add to the victims grief, that they would be put under pressure to make a decision to utilize a drug that has much controversy and side affects(mentally and physically) when they are logically not thinking rationally. I would also like to point out that the chances of pregnancy from a sexual assault are rare. Here is an article that clarifies why and what measures should be put in place:

How many forcible rapes result in a pregnancy? The numbers claimed have ranged the entire spectrum of possibilities. Some feminists have claimed as high as 5 to 10 percent, which is absurd. One problem has been the lack of available studies and accurate statistics. Often women do not admit to having been raped. On the other hand, it has been known that women, pregnant from consensual intercourse, have later claimed rape. Is it possible to know the actual facts?

There have been some studies. In the statistical abstract of the US in 1989, there were 90,000 rapes reported in the United States. (Bureau of Census Table #283)

Another study was from the U.S. Justice Department, which surveyed 49,000 households annually between the years 1973-1987. In 1973, it reported 95,934 completed rapes. In 1987, the figure was 82,505. The study stated that only 53% were reported to police. Factoring this in, the totals were 181,000 rapes in 1973 and 155,000 in 1987. In August 1995, the US Justice Department, using a different study with different questions, returned a result of 170,000 completed rapes plus 140,000 attempted rapes.

There are approximately 100,000,000 females old enough to be at risk for rape in the United States. If we calculate on the basis of 100,000 rapes, that means that one woman in 1,000 is raped each year. If we calculate on the basis of 200,000 rapes, that means that one woman in 500 is raped each year.

Now for the important question. How many rape *pregnancies* are there? The answer is that, according to statistical reporting, there are no more than one or two pregnancies resultant from every 1,000 forcible rapes.

But, does it make sense? Let's look, using the figure of 200,000 rapes each year.

- Of the 200,000 women who were forcibly raped, one-third were either too old or too young to get pregnant. That leaves 133,000 at risk for pregnancy.
- A woman is capable of being fertilized only 3 days (perhaps 5) out of a 30-day month. Multiply our figure of 133,000 by three tenths. Three days out of 30 is one out of ten, divide 133 by ten and we have 13,300 women remaining. If we use five days out of 30 it is one out of six. Divide one hundred and thirty three thousand by six and we have 22,166 remaining.
- One-fourth of all women in the United States of childbearing age have been sterilized, so the remaining three-fourths come out to 10,000 (or 15,000).
- Only half of assailants penetrate her body and/or deposit sperm in her vagina, so let's cut the remaining figures in half. This gives us numbers of 5,000 (or 7,500).
- Fifteen percent of men are sterile, that drops that figure to 4,250 (or 6,375).
- Fifteen percent of non-surgically sterilized women are naturally sterile. That reduces the number to 3,600 (or 5,400).
- Another fifteen percent are on the pill and/or already pregnant. That reduces the number to 3,070 (or 4,600).

- Now factor in the fact that it takes 5-10 months for the average couple to achieve a pregnancy. Use the smaller figure of 5 months to be conservative and divide the avove figures by 5. The number drops to 600 (or 920).
- In an average population, the miscarriage rate is about 15 percent. In this case we have incredible emotional trauma. Her body is upset. Even if she conceives, the miscarriage rate will be higher than in a more normal pregnancy. If 20 percent of raped women miscarry, the figure drops to 450 (or 740).

Finally, factor in what is certainly one of the most important reasons why a rape victim rarely gets pregnant, and that's physical trauma. Every woman is aware that stress and emotional factors can alter her menstrual cycle. To get and stay pregnant a woman's body must produce a very sophisticated mix of hormones. Hormone production is controlled by a part of the brain that is easily influenced by emotions. There's no greater emotional trauma that can be experienced by a woman than an assault rape. This can radically upset her possibility of ovulation, fertilization, implantation and even nurturing of a pregnancy. So what further percentage reduction in pregnancy will this cause? No one knows, but this factor certainly cuts this last figure by at least 50 percent and probably more. If we use the 50 percent figure, we have a final figure of 225 (or 370) women pregnant each year. These numbers closely match the 200 that have been documented in clinical studies.

So assault rape pregnancy is extremely rare. If we use the figure of 200, it is 4 per state per year. Even if we use a figure of 500, we're talking about only ten per state, per year. In the United States in one year, there are more than 6 million pregnancies. Roughly 3 million eventuate in live birth, 1.5 million are aborted and 500,000 miscarry. And so while each assault rape pregnancy is a tragedy for the mother (not for the baby, though), we can with confidence say that such pregnancies amount to a minuscule fraction of the total annual pregnancies in the United States. Further, less than half of assault rape pregnancies are aborted, even though that course of action tends to be vigorously pushed by those around the woman. <sup>2,3</sup>

One final thought, Sandra Mahkorn, in two excellent studies, has asked such women what was their chief complaint? One might fully assume it was the fact that she was pregnant, but that is incorrect. Her chief complaint was how other people treated her. Such treatment ranged from

negative, to simply getting little support from those around her. Even in a culture that offers little support and aggressively pushes abortion as a solution, fewer that half of such babies are killed by abortion. Think of how many fewer yet there would be if each pregnant victim of a rape were given the support, aid and tender loving care that she and her baby deserve.

Our goal is to offer truly compassionate care to the woman. That is what is best for both mother and child.

<sup>1</sup>New England Journal of Medicine, A.N. Groth, Sexual DyFORBESSunction [sic] During Rape, Oct. 6, 1977, p.764-6

<sup>1</sup> Mahkorn & Dolan, "Sexual Assault & Pregnancy." In *New Perspectives on Human Abortion*, University Publisher of Amer., 1981, pp.182-199

<sup>3</sup> Mahkorn, "Pregnancy & Sexual Assault." In *Psychological Aspects of Abortion*, University Publishers of Amer., 1979, pp. 53-72

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## Pass HB 127, Compassionate Care

Juliet Begley [jbegley002@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 11:42 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Support the passage of HB 127, Compassionate Care

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Emergency contraception availability in the emergency room is the accepted standard of care for sex assault victims. It is ridiculous that we should have to even bring legislation in 2012 to mandate that information be given and emergency contraception be made available. There should be NO HOSPITAL licensed in this state right now, that accepts state and federal revenues, that can operate outside of this practice.

Sincerely,

Juliet Begley 1583 Ala Amoamo Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

## TO: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee

I am writing in support of HB 127 that calls for providing emergency contraception to victims of rape. Women who are raped are traumatized by their attacker—they deserve compassionate care when they seek medical attention. Fear of pregnancy from a rape only increases the trauma. On the neighbor islands and parts of Oahu, women do not have access to a night pharmacy. Others may not be able to get to one of the very few that are open all night. These women must depend upon receiving contraceptive help from an emergency room.

I urge you to pass this bill, to avoid compounding the crime of rape by the failure of emergency room personnel to routinely offer, and if accepted, provide emergency contraction.

Sincerely,

Barbara Polk

## **Support HB 127 - Compassionate Care Act**

Erway Marjorie [merway@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 9:24 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Aloha Chairman Keith-Agaran, and Judiciary Committee members!

Sexual assault victims in Hawaii are not yet guaranteed access to Emergency Contraception (EC). This bill would ensure that all hospitals will make sure that survivors of sexual assault will be provided EC in order to prevent pregnancy as a result of rape. What worse trauma could there be, than to be raped and end up being pregnant by that act? All rape victims should be informed about the possibility and provided EC if the victim wants it.

I urge you to support this bill, as providing EC in emergency rooms is the accepted standard of care and fits the AMA's guidelines.

Please pass HB 127!

Mahalo for your consideration, Marjorie Erway PO Box 2807 Kailua Kona, HI 96745 324-4624

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Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 7:35 AM

To: JUDtestimony
Cc: surfdo@aloha.net

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Dr. Shay Bintliff, MD, FACEP

Organization: Individual E-mail: surfdo@aloha.net Submitted on: 1/21/2012

#### Comments:

For the benefit of all women, please pass this legislation!!! Mahalo.

From: Gail Gnazzo [mailto:gail.p.gnazzo@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 9:24 AM

To: All Reps

Subject: HB 127 Compassionate Care

I am unable to testify on behalf of HB 127.

I ask on behalf of neighbor island women that you support HB 127 where the situation is more severe due to limited choice in emergency rooms and the lack of 24 hour pharmacies. I have seen the immediate and long term negative impact of the lack of access to emergency contraception on women, their relationships, their families, from a long career in family programs. The trauma of rape is made worse by the lack of emergency contraception.

# Please Ensure that Sex Assault Victims Access Emergency Contraception in Emergency Rooms

Statewide surveys of Hawaii's emergency rooms have revealed that many facilities refuse to provide or lack policies on emergency contraception. When pharmacies are closed and emergency rooms refuse to offer emergency contraception women are forced to choose between waiting until a pharmacy opens or going through a trauma inducing comprehensive forensic examination. Hawaii has only three 24-hour pharmacies (all on Oahu), which means that neighbor island women are particularly vulnerable to emergency room refusals.

Victims of rape should have access to emergency contraception on demand in Hawaii's emergency rooms.

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:41 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: carolyn.haley@gmail.com

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Carolyn Haley Organization: Individual

E-mail: carolyn.haley@gmail.com

Submitted on: 1/23/2012

#### Comments:

This is an excellent bill, but why do we wait until July 1, 2050 to put it in place? Do we not care about rape victims for the next 39 years?????

From: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI To: House Judicial Committee

Scheduled: Tuesday, 1/24/12 at 2PM in House Conference Room 325

Chairman Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the House Judicial Committee

Testimony Submitted In OPPOSITION to HB 127 HD1.

- 1. This bill violate an individual's right of conscience. It impedes with the free exercise of religion and adherence to moral standards established in mainstream religious denominations.
- 2. Many doctors understand that these pills can cause a chemical abortion and refuse to participate in procedures that intentionally end human life. The EC pill makes the womb a hostile environment for the fertilized egg and causes the short life of the conceived child to end. We already have a shortage of doctors. This bill could drive many highly qualified people out of the medical profession which will hurt the residents of Hawaii.
- 3. Healthcare should be between the patient and the doctor, with the doctor using his/her best judgment on what care to provide. Until now, we have been told government cannot come between a woman and her doctor. Having the legislature mandate certain pharmaceuticals be offered upon threat of fines is not in the best interest of patients. There are side effects with the EC pills. If the FDA recalled the product, the legislature may not act soon enough for the safety and well-being of Hawaii assault victims. If a majority of legislators think it is in the best interest for "women's safety" that they be given a Clitoridectomy, will that be mandated next? Where will the legislature draw the line on what they think is best and what the doctor thinks is best? The legislature should stop practicing medicine without a license.
- 4. Pro-life and Pro-abortion doctors disagree on what constitutes true and unbiased information regarding oral contraceptives. One group says that the life of a child is taken by these pills, the other says it isn't. Until there is a proven fact, the chance of error is too great. There is a 50% possibility being wrong and harming women. The State will be libel for all the damage caused by providing misinformation to women. Since this is unsettled science, the legislature should not act as if they know the answer. The Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) position regarding oral contraceptives in general is: "There is truth about this matter-even if we cannot clearly see it yet. As individuals committed to the protection of human life from the moment of conception, we have come to differing conclusions about the effect, or non-effect, of oral contraceptives on the early conceptus. It is in a situation such as this where we are at our best when we "agree to disagree" in a spirit of humility, while remaining

open to new information which may further enlighten us." However regarding "Ella" an emergency contraceptive produce APPLOG states: Today's approval, labeling "ella" as emergency contraception, is deceptive and dangerous to women and their newly conceived baby. Women deserve to know that "ella" can cause death of the embryo, and the FDA is deliberately misleading women by mislabeling "ella" only as contraception, and not as abortifacient." Is this the unbiased truth that will be provided to women or will this information be omitted?

- 5. Expanding the definition of "hospital" to any facility offering free assistance to women in need will end up eliminating the choices of services sought by hundreds of women residing in Hawaii and further burden our social services programs while increasing our State indebtedness. Eliminate any expansion in the definition of "hospital" for the sake of women who want to choose services outside the hospital environment.
- 6. There is no need to force all facilities that give assistance to sexual assault victims to dispense drugs that they don' think are in the best interest of the patient. Hawaii already has is a Sexual Abuse Trauma Center (SATC) located at the Kap'iolani Hospital for Women and Children. There is a seventy-two hour window for a victim to get access to the "emergency contraception" pill, which is an adequate amount of time for anyone in the State to be transported to that site, if they so desire. These pills are available over the counter for women 17 and up and with prescription for those younger. HB 127 HD 1 is unnecessary.
- 7. A study done by the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2000 titled "Reporting Sexual Assault to the Police in Hawaii" indicated that it is necessary to get more victims to file a police report regarding their assault, It is essential that these already wounded victims receive the police protection and services to get their attacker off the streets. Requiring the assault victim to submit a police report will prevent future sexual assault crimes in our community. By collecting DNA evidence at the time the woman presents herself as a sexual assault victim, she will be safer and men who may be similar in build and features will be spared a false arrest. We owe these precautionary measures to the residents of Hawaii. Public safety of the victim and others will be diminished if this bill as currently written is passed.
- 8. The hospitals in Liliha and Ewa may be closed at this time, however the Catholic Church owns the land and may have the ability to operate those facilities in the future, once bankruptcy procedures have been completed. It is well known that Catholic doctrine does not allow the taking of life in any stage of development, from fertilization to natural death. One government spokesperson (name available upon request) told me if Catholic doctors don't want to give out EC pills they should get out of the medical profession. In it unconscionable that our legislature would act against the best interest of the people of Hawaii by mandating procedures that would reduce our medical options, especially as our population ages and will need more care, not less.
- 8. Thank-you for this opportunity to submit testimony. This Bill must not pass.

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January 23, 2012

#### Via Facsimile to (808) 586-6211

Committee on Judiciary HB 127, HD 1, HSCR 209 Relating To Healthcare Tuesday, January 24, 2012 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 325

I believe the Hawaii State Legislature should be made aware of the following prior to voting on this issue as HB 127 requires hospitals to provide survivors of sexual assault with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception.

HB 127 would conflict with federal law. Any State law that conflicts with federal law is preempted under Article III to the United States' Constitution. See 45 CFR Part 88.1, 88.3 and 88.4 set forth below:

#### § 88.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this Part is to provide for the implementation and enforcement of the Church Amendments, 42 U.S.C. 300a-7, section 245 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 238n, and the Weldon Amendment, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, Div. G, §508(d), 121 Stat. 1844, 2209 (collectively referred to as the federal healthcare conscience protection statutes). These statutory provisions protect the rights of health care entities/entities, both individuals and institutions, to refuse to perform health care services and research activities to which they may object for religious, moral, ethical, or other reasons. Consistent with this objective to protect the conscience rights of health care entities/entities, the provisions in the Church Amendments, section 245 of the Public Health Service Act and the Weldon Amendment,

and the implementing regulations contained in this Part are to be interpreted and implemented broadly to effectuate their protective purposes.

#### 88.3 Applicability.

- (a) The Department of Health and Human Services is required to comply with sections §§88.4(a), (b)(1), and (d)(1) of this part.
- (b) Any State or local government that receives federal funds appropriated through the appropriations act for the Department of Health and Human Services is required to comply with §§88.4(b)(1) and 88.5 of this part.
- (c) Any entity that receives federal funds appropriated through the appropriations act for the Department of Health and Human Services to implement any part of any federal program is required to comply with §§88.4(b)(2) and 88.5 of this part.
- (d) Any State or local government that receives federal financial assistance is required to comply with §§88.4(a) and 88.5 of this part.
- (e) Any State or local government, any part of any State or local government, or any other public entity must comply with §88.4(e) of this part.
- (f)(1) Any entity, including a State or local government, that receives a grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee under the Public Health Service Act, the Community Mental Health Centers Act, or the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, must comply with §§88.4(c)(1) and 88.5 of this part.
- (2) In addition to complying with the provisions set forth in §88.4(c)(1) of this part, any such entity that is an educational institution, teaching hospital, or program for the training of health care professionals or health care workers shall also comply with §88.4(c)(2) of this part.
- (g)(1) Any entity, including a State or local government, that carries out any part of any health service program or research activity funded in whole or in part under a program administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services must comply with §§88.4(d)(1) and 88.5 of this part.

(2) In addition to complying with the provisions set forth in (g)(1) of this section, any such entity that receives grants or contracts for biomedical or behavioral research under any program administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall also comply with §§88.4(d)(2) of this part.

#### § 88.4 Requirements and prohibitions.

- (a) Entities to whom this paragraph (a) applies shall not:
- (1) Subject any institutional or individual health care entity to discrimination for refusing:
- (i) To undergo training in the performance of abortions, or to require, provide, refer for, or make arrangements for training in the performance of abortions;
- (ii) To perform, refer for, or make other arrangements for, abortions; or
- (iii) To refer for abortions;
- (2) Subject any institutional or individual health care entity to discrimination for attending or having attended a post-graduate physician training program, or any other program of training in the health professions, that does not or did not require attendees to perform induced abortions or require, provide, or refer for training in the performance of induced abortions, or make arrangements for the provision of such training;
- (3) For the purposes of granting a legal status to a health care entity (including a license or certificate), or providing such entity with financial assistance, services or benefits, fail
- to deem accredited any postgraduate physician training program that would be accredited but for the accrediting agency's reliance upon an accreditation standard or standards that require an entity to perform an induced abortion or require, provide, or refer for training in the performance of induced abortions, or make arrangements for such training, regardless of whether such standard provides exceptions or exemptions;
- (b)(1) Any entity to whom this paragraph (b)(1) applies shall not subject any institutional or individual health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for, abortion.

- (2) Entities to whom this paragraph (b)(2) applies shall not subject any institutional or individual health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortion, as part of the federal program for which it receives funding.
- (c) Entities to whom this paragraph (c) applies shall not:
- (1) Discriminate against any physician or other health care professional in the employment, promotion, termination, or extension of staff or other privileges because he performed or assisted in the performance, or refused to perform or assist in the performance of a lawful sterilization procedure or abortion on the grounds that doing so would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions, or because of his religious beliefs or moral convictions concerning abortions or sterilization procedures themselves;
- (2) Discriminate against or deny admission to any applicant for training or study because of reluctance or willingness to counsel, suggest, recommend, assist, or in any way participate in the performance of abortions or sterilizations contrary to or consistent with the applicant's religious beliefs or moral convictions.
- (d) Entities to whom this paragraph (d) applies shall not:
- (1) Require any individual to perform or assist in the performance of any part of a health service program or research activity funded by the Department if such service or activity would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions.
- (2) Discriminate in the employment, promotion, termination, or the extension of staff or other privileges to any physician or other health care personnel because he performed, assisted in the performance, refused to perform, or refused to assist in the performance of any lawful health service or research activity on the grounds that his performance or assistance in performance of such service or activity would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions, or because of the religious beliefs or moral convictions concerning such activity themselves.
- (e) Entities to whom this paragraph (e) applies shall not, on the basis that the individual or entity has received a grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee under the Public Health

Service Act, the Community Mental Health Centers Act, or the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, require:

- (1) Such individual to perform or assist in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if his performance or assistance in the performance of such procedure or abortion would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions, or
- (2) Such entity to:
- (i) Make its facilities available for the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance of such procedure or abortion in such facilities is prohibited by the entity on the basis of religious beliefs or moral convictions, or
- (ii) provide any personnel for the performance or assistance in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance or assistance in the performance of such procedure or abortion by such personnel would be contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such personnel.

In summation, Federal law prohibits recipients of federal funds from coercing anyone to perform or assist in abortions in violation of their religious or moral convictions. HB127 should be tabled in order to prevent a conflict of laws between HB 127 and the foregoing Federal Regulations, namely 45 CFR Part 88.1, 88.3 and 88.4. Its promoters are no longer satisfied with promoting their agenda on their own premises; but rather expanding to force everyone to promote their agenda or face various penalties through the use of unconstitutional State action.

Very Truly Yours,

Shawn A. Luiz

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:06 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: ndavlantes@aol.com

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: Yes Submitted by: Nancy Davlantes Organization: Individual E-mail: ndavlantes@aol.com Submitted on: 1/23/2012

#### Comments:

Sexual assault is a life threatening event and one that causes most victims long-term trauma. Survivors often suffer depression, intense fear, anxiety, and symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder. Healing can take a lifetime. That trauma is even worse when a survivor is faced with the fear of becoming pregnant as the result of a rape. Providing emergency contraception in the ER is the accepted standard of care.

Yet many emergency rooms in Hawaii refuse to provide or lack policies on emergency contraception. So what happens when pharmacies are closed and emergency rooms refuse to offer emergency contraception? Women are forced to choose between waiting until a pharmacy opens or going through a comprehensive forensic examination. With only three 24-hour pharmacies (all on Oahu), neighbor island women are particularly vulnerable to emergency room refusals.

This is simply unacceptable - victims of rape should have access to emergency contraception on demand in Hawaii's emergency rooms.

Please pass HB 127.

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:26 AM

To: JUDtestimony
Cc: kit@lava.net

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kit Grant Organization: Individual E-mail: kit@lava.net Submitted on: 1/23/2012

Comments: Aloha,

Thank you for hearing HB 127 relating to emergency contraception in Hawaii's emergency rooms. For our sisters, mothers, daughters and aunties - I urge you to make this the law of the land. I strongly and passionately support this measure, not only because reproductive freedom is a core right of all people, but also because hospitals bear a huge public trust to provide us medically available options clearly and without judgment. Frankly, I was shocked and appalled to hear that we did not have universal access to emergency contraception in our ERs. Especially in the context of a sexual assault, women have a right for a hospital to be a safe place of healing and understanding, to know what protective options exist, and, if chosen, to get them without delay, especially where such a bureaucratic staff could mean the difference between mere contraception and future abortion or an unwanted child.

While I support the right of doctors as natural persons to make choices about what they personally do or provide, Hospitals as institutions must live up to the public's trust to provide comprehensive, accurate and truthful medical options to patients. This includes providing, 24/7, the availability of emergency contraception to survivors of sexual assault at the hospital.

Thank you,

Kit Grant

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Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:09 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: broupome@hawaii.rr.com

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: John Broussard Organization: Individual

E-mail: broupome@hawaii.rr.com

Submitted on: 1/20/2012

#### Comments:

Preventing an unwanted pregnancy to a traumatized woman, who would otherwise be required to carry the child of her rapist for nine months and then choose between what may be two equally repugnant choices, is definitely a legitimate health care issue. Emergency health care providers should have to offer immediate contraception to victims of rape.

This bill should be passed, and should go into effect July 1, 2012.

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Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 9:59 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: toddhairgrove@hotmail.com

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Todd Hairgrove Organization: Individual

E-mail: toddhairgrove@hotmail.com

Submitted on: 1/20/2012

Comments:

Myron Berney [myberney@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 10:07 AM

**To:** JUDtestimony

Dr. Myron Berney

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RE HB 127, HD1 OPPOSE

All care including medical care is based upon Compassion. Compassion is defined as the wish to end suffering and the causes of suffering. However, in the real world, the basis, compassion, is often tainted by worldly desires and confusion.

I strongly object to the bill title that being "COMPASSIONATE CARE" since all care is based upon compassion and there already exists The Compassionate Clause, which provides for other than the failed AMA Drug Industry acquired concepts and protocols. To avoid confusion please choose a more descriptive name.

My guess is that this bill has a purpose of assuring necessary, reasonable and appropriate emergency contraception services for women that have been sexually assaulted.

Abortions are legal but contraception is not an abortion. Even the Catholic church promotes certain contraception techniques including abstinence during periods of female fertility as determined by basal body temperature and the characteristics of the female vaginal mucus secretions. Female fertility cycles are determined by hormonal levels balances; the Church supports contraception by promoting sex only during times that the female hormones do not provide the potential for fertility.

That is the same goal of emergency contraception to maintain the female victim in the hormonal state

that the female hormones do not provide the potential for fertility.

This bill seems to address a non existent problem since nothing stops any hospital or physician from giving any patient necessary, reasonable and appropriate health care in emergency situations. In fact, in emergency situations medical care is required by law without even without the ability to pay for care; it is required by law. Furthermore, In emergency situations, Good Samaritan laws exist. [The Samaritans were a religious order in Europe that did good deeds, hence Good Samaritans].

The problem of not delivering, refusing to provide an emergency patient necessary, reasonable and appropriate health care would be a more important issue to discuss and address with new law.

This bill fails to provide the patient the consumer of medical services the necessary protection essential in emergency situations that are already required by law. That law has "teeth". This bill lacks "teeth"

#### Delete:

## §321-B Compassionate care

c. No hospital shall be required to provide emergency contraception to a sexual assault victim who has been determined to be pregnant through the administration by the hospital staff of a pregnancy test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Given that: The State has the Constitutional Responsibility to protect and promote the public health.

- 1. Failure of any public institution to to protect and promote the public health, specifically in these matters, by emergency contraception to a sexual assault victim harms the public health.
- 2. The State does not have the Constitutional Authority to harm the public health.

Therefore the State can not support or license any institution or person that with pre meditation and fore thought deliberately fails to provide necessary, appropriate and reasonable medical care.

Failure or refusal to provide emergency contraception to a sexual assault victim must have clear and automatic penalties such as no more public funding, loss of license, no more authority to harm the public health. Please note that any MD will loose their license for failure to provide child support, which isn't even a failure to provide emergency services.

In a similar fashion, Physicians are a regulate profession licensed by the state to protect and promote the public health and to protect the public from incompetent providers. Failure to provide emergency care when time is of the essence especially because of some personal issue while fully knowing the necessity of the care, automatically disqualifies that person as being a competent physician. Deliberately harming a female patient following a sexual assault is not a suitable quality of a health care provider. That person or persons must immediately surrender their license to the respective Board. Following the immediate surrendering of their license RICO, the respective Board and other parties should make a final determination on the licensing status of the offender.

Please amend the bill with the necessary language to effect substantial punishment to the facility and to the offending individuals.

If a person knows in advance that they will not provide emergency contraception to a sexual assault victim, they should not put themselves in a professional position where this type of care may be required. It is just a simple as that. I respect a person's religious rights but I don't respect a physician or a hospital that refuses care in emergency situations, that already is illegal and a licensing violation. No bill to protect one religious belief while harming the public health and female patients.

For example, Orthodox Jews keep the Sabbath. Since one is not supposed to do any business or trade on the Sabbath, Orthodox Jews do not carry any money on the Sabbath; they "build a fence" to protect their religious beliefs.

Likewise if you don't want to provide emergency medical services, don't take that job, abstain form that position, "build a fence", and you won't have the potential to fail as a physician and harm the patient.

The State and Federal law already requires necessary, appropriate and reasonable emergency services even if the patient is unable to pay. Within the Law there is not any exception; there is no exception for emergency contraception to a sexual assault victim.

I read in the Sat paper that the Federal Government has required employers to provide free birth control services for

employees.

Don't waste time passing a law that has less power to protect and promote the public health than existing State and Federal Law.

Bottom line if the doctor or hospital fails based upon Church Doctrine then they are OUT OF HERE.

THEY SHOULD ALSO BE REQUIED TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AND ALLIMONY as a co conspirator after the fact of "THE MARITAL ACT".

## HB 127, HD 1 (HCSR 209)

Esther [estherjoeysmom@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:26 PM

To: JUDtestimony

## To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing because I vehemently oppose the passage of the above mentioned bill. I am appalled that the government in Hawaii is again interfering in the lives of women. Not only is it interfering, it is trying to force hospitals to provide a very immoral and dangerous "remedy" to the already victimized rape victims and victims of domestic violence. To make matters worse, the language of the proposed bill not does provide a healthcare right of conscience exception for hospitals or individuals who object to offering emergency contraception for medical, ethical, moral or religious reasons. AND, they want us, the taxpayers to pay for something that goes against our beliefs! It is about time that the US government both national and in Hawaii stop forcing abortion on women by disguising it in different ways. The culture of death is so evident. It has now come down to good vs. evil. That is very clear.

Once again I remind you, my family votes **PRO-LIFE**. Life is the only issue we are concerned with because it is the only issue of vital importance.

Sincerely yours, Esther C. Gefroh Honolulu, HI 96814

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**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2012 4:38 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: janetmgrace@gmail.com

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Oppose Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Janet Grace Organization: Individual E-mail: janetmgrace@gmail.com

Submitted on: 1/23/2012

#### Comments:

Dear Chair Keith-Aragan,

I'm in strong opposition to HB127 for many reasons.

First, I'm highly in favor of supporting women, girls and any victims of voilent assault such as rape and sexual exploitation.

By reaching out and embracing these traumatized people with sincere, genuine and loving care should be our first act of tangible support.

However, working for many years with our precious youth, you know, countless are troubled for various circumstances. I don't believe that introducing them to easy access to drugs that TRULY can harm them is the right solution.

Also, as you've probably read from the medical community there are many heatlh risks involved with taking these drugs.

Also very alarming is the fact that parental notification laws for abortion on minors are absent in our state, and I believe that it is a parents job and right to know what is happening with their children - especially when healtcare decisions are involved. (why does a school nurse need persmission from parents/guardians to dispense aspirin to keiki, but a drug as powerful as PLAN-B, ELLA, etc. is handed out like candy?)

Further, as a private healthcare provider myself, I'm disturbed to watch government intrusion force me to work in a manner that explicitly condraticts my moral and ethical convictions. As a society and stated above, we have an obligation to see that every rape or incest victim is offered whatever assistance is needed to put her life back together again. A pill that could kill their unborn child, harm them physically and a pat on the head that everything is better, is a cynical way to address the issue and trivializes the harm to the suffering victim. Therefore, I humbly ask that you give this bill much thought and allow individual rights and freedoms under the law articulate our decisions.

God bless you and thank you in advance for reading my testimony.

Sincerely,

Janet Grace

District 23 - Waikiki

From: N Canubida [nvgc@hawaii.rr.com] Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:06 PM

To: Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran

Subject: HB127

#### Aloha Representative Agaran,

As written I understand HB 127 to be a bill that would force healthcare providers to offer rape victims emergency contraception as standard procedure--at the taxpayer's expense. Please do not pass this bill. The bill does not specifically require that patients be informed of the risks and there are many.

Also, without a "right of conscience" exception HB 127 is a clear violation of several federal laws including the 2005 Weldon Amendment and 42USC 238n which reads: The Federal Government, and any State or local government that receives Federal financial assistance, may not subject any health care entity to discrimination on the basis that— (1) the entity refuses to undergo training in the performance of induced abortions, to require or provide such training, to perform such abortions, or to provide referrals for such training or such abortions.

If this bill is passed, it will trample the conscience rights of individual healthcare providers, including doctors, nurses, and pharmacists!

Again, please do not pass HB127!

On another note as a former director of an infant and toddler child care center I am delighted that there were seven ayes on the vote that requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to implement a standardized set of procedures accommodating complaints and grievances against infant and toddler child care centers.

Mahalo!

Nancy Graber Canubida, Psy. D., LCSW

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## Holly J. Huber

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TO:

House Judiciary Committee

hearing on January 24th in room 325 @ 2 PM

FROM:

Holly J. Huber

DATE:

January 23, 2012

RE:

In support of HB127 HD1

Compassionate Care and Emergency Contraception

Government is not permitted to act on private, traditional or religious beliefs; it must have some kind of rational purpose for its law.

There is no rational purpose for withholding emergency contraception from rape victims. It is cruel and medically irresponsible.

Providing emergency contraception is the accepted standard of care.

Religious institutions have no right to impose their beliefs on victims of sexual assault seeking medical treatment.

Please vote in favor of HB127 and support compassionate care!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:13 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Cc: Strider4Jesus@aol.com

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Strider Didymus
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Strider4Jesus@aol.com

Submitted on: 1/24/2012

#### Comments:

Please be advised that yesterday I signed up here to be listed as one who would like to testify and that I would be providing you copies of such testimony at the hearing. Instead, I am submitting as followed:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2012

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

#### AGENDA

HB 127, HD1 (HSCR209) Status

RELATING TO HEALTHCARE.

Requires hospitals and providers to provide survivors of sexual assault with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception, as well as access to emergency contraception. Requires providers to provide certain additional services. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB127 HD1) HLT, JUD, FIN TESTIMONY (January 24, 2012):

"The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart..." (Jeremiah 1:4-5)
"For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be." (Psalms 139:13-16)
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Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, "You are my servant..." (Isaiah 49:1-3)
Having cited all of the above Holy Scriptures, as a true and faithful servant of God and citizen
of this great State for over half a century; I stand before you today in total OPPOSISITION to
H.B. NO. 127, as also identified as being "Compassion Care" (Page 2, Line 8). This is an
oxymoron in that there is absolutely no compassion, nor care for the sanctity of God given life
being discarded by the selfish acts of adults and the potential legal justification for such at
tax payer's expense (Page 5, Lines 6-9, 16-18), and the continued objections of the majority to
such Obama mandated socialist sanctioned murders and the degradation of American society.
I ask this committee, do you truly care or is your mind already made up? Are you just going
through the motion in order to rail road such immoral legislation down our throats like the so
called "Civil Unions" bill of last legislative session? This only to appease the vocal minority
of mostly liberal transplants; spewing out their venom of hatred and intolerance, undermining
traditional or moral values and the sanctity of life, and completely distorting historical facts
- all because they demand their rights! What about the rights of the thousands of unborn human
beings that are murdered daily in this country by women who are not raped? What about voices of
those unborn, silently screaming out their rights to live? Are YOU listening?
This bill cites an "estimated thirty-two thousand rape-related pregnancies occurring every year
in the United States" (Page 1, Lines 6-8). What is the source, has it been substantiated, how
many of them have occurred in the islands? Does consensual sex during a drunken or drug induced
night of stupor then constitute " date rape" after the fact, when the "alleged victim" wakes up
with a hangover and then worries about sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy? Why didn't
they think of the potential consequences for their actions prior to this? Will law enforcement
authorities be called in, a report and investigation made to ascertain the facts of any criminal
offense or not, and then the "alleged" perpetrator arrested prior to the "emergency
contraception" being given? What of the real potential for abuse here in falsely claiming "rape"
in order to get back at someone and deny them their rights of due process as the result of such
unfounded allegations or claims? What are the fines or penalties for falsifying the
circumstances of the alleged "rape" or pregnancy? Why isn't it stipulated here? What
constitutes an "emergency" here? How many hours or days have been determined by competent and
duly approved medical research before a person may become pregnant to warrant an "emergency"
situation? Will these guidelines be required by law before the issuance
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of what appears to be a legalized abortion pill? Will a mandatory pregnancy test be given prior
to any "alleged rape" to screen out those utilizing this measure to forfeit any unwanted
pregnancy for any reason or not? If so, why is it not stipulated here? What is the name of these
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so called "safe and effective" (Page 1, Line 9) drugs, what are the physical and mental side effects? Will the State also accept liability for the damages incurred at the result of product defect or medical malpractice? Are you prepared for being named party in law suits that shall

result if this is made into law? Have you taken into account a recent Supreme Court ruling in which the government is prohibited from forcing religious institutions, medical facilities and people of faith from engaging in abortion practices in violation of their moral convictions? Is this why the State did not come to the financial aid of two recently bankrupted hospitals that had stood upon such convictions; thus jeopardizing the health and safety of the entire island? If, "The purpose of this Act is to ensure that victims of sexual assault are provided information and access to emergency contraception," (Page 2, Lines 1-2) why is it then made mandatory through the word "shall" (required) located throughout this bill (see Page 4, Lines 19-22) and a "fine not more than \$1,000 for each separate offense" be assessed to hospitals or providers who are not in compliance (Page 6, Lines 16-20)? Why are there no provisions to provide information and access to alternative resources (adoption agencies, clergy, parents, spouse, etc.)? Do any of the previous individuals or agencies have any rights here? If not, why not?

As you can see, there are way too many unanswered questions beyond the moral issue and it has a great potential for abuse. My heart goes out to women who are truly victims of rape, but there are alternatives to legally sanctioned murder. Two wrongs don't make a right! Make no mistake this so called "emergency contraception" is spawned from the depths of hell. God said in the Ten Commandments, "You shall not murder." (Exodus 20:13) I pray that you shall head this, for the Bible further states that upon Judgment Day, the penalty for murderers (and other offenses, including homosexuality) will be eternal damnation "in the lake of burning sulfur..." (Revelation 21:8) Yes, you shall be held accountable for your choice here, whether you or any other self proclaimed atheist want to believe it or not, for "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1)

But, for those of you who say "NO" to this blood bill and wash your hands of it, I pray that God will bless you greatly for heeding His Word and the testimony given here. More importantly, that you too shall find salvation through His grace and mercy, but this takes sincere repentance and change before it is too late. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) There are no exceptions or mediations! In His precious name as Lord and Savior, amen.

"Strider Didymus," A Servant and Messenger of God.

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 9:17 AM

To: JUDtestimony

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Strider Didymus
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Comments:

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Please submit my name on the list to testify on this bill. Written testimony shall be provided at the time of the hearing. "Strider Didymus" 01/23/12

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of gilbert adair [gilbertadair@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 5:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

Sexual assault is a life threatening event and one that causes most victims long-term trauma. Survivors often suffer depression, intense fear, anxiety, and symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder. Healing can take a lifetime. That trauma is even worse when a survivor is faced with the fear of becoming pregnant as the result of a rape.

Providing EC in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided EC. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.

I believe it is unconscionable to deny sexual assault survivors information and access to EC. Please help ensure that survivors have access to compassionate care in Hawaii.

Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Dr. gilbert adair 4257 Waha Rd Kalaheo, HI 96741-9411

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Joanne Amberg [joanne.amberg@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 7:45 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

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Sincerely,

Ms. Joanne Amberg 548 Kaimake Loop Kailua, HI 96734-2022

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Andrea Anderson [aanderson@pphi.org]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:35 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 23, 2012

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Andrea Anderson 56 Akamu Pl Honolulu, HI 96817-1422

#### **HB 127**

Marjorie Au [marjorie@hiconvey.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Message Subject: Please Pass HB 127, Compassionate Care

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Sincerely, Marjorie Au 3761 Sierra Dr Honolulu HI 96816-3817

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Shari Au [aus008@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 10:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Shari Au 1702 Kewalo St Apt 403 Honolulu, HI 96822-3096

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Thomas Bailie [tbailie718@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:05 AM

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Mr. Thomas Bailie 304 Opihikao Pl Honolulu, HI 96825-1130

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sylvia Baldwin [sylviab@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:43 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sylvia Baldwin 152 N Kalaheo Ave Apt B Kailua, HI 96734-2344

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of David Balffour [davidbal4@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 12:15 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. David Balffour 930 S Kihei Rd Kihei, HI 96753-9126

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of samara balfour [samarabal4@gmail.com]

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Sincerely,

Mrs. samara balfour 938 S Kihei Rd # 204 Kihei, HI 96753-6102

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Donald Bentz [don@equalityhawaii.org]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 7:44 PM

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Mr. Donald Bentz PO Box 11444 Honolulu, HI 96828-0444

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of joan selix berman [jsb@courtyardmaui.com]

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Sincerely,

Ms. joan selix berman 10825 Kula Hwy Kula, HI 96790-7462

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Vivian Best [lomichick@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 10:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Vivian Best 250 Ohua Ave Apt 6a Honolulu, HI 96815-3634

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of John Bickel [jbickel15@yahoo.com]

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Bickel 2415 Ala Wai Blvd Apt 901 Honolulu, HI 96815-3403

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of James Bill [billj003@hawaii.rr.com]

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Mr. James Bill PO Box 8700 Honolulu, HI 96830-0700

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sonia Blackisotn [sonyfungirl@yahoo.com]

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sonia Blackisotn 92-831 Makakilo Dr Apt 55 Kapolei, HI 96707-4300

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Chai Blair-Stahn [chai.blairstahn@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 6:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Chai Blair-Stahn 1130 8th Ave Honolulu, HI 96816-2402

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Michele Brooks [mbrooks10@hawaiiantel.net]

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Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Brooks 1020 Aoloa Pl Apt 406b Kailua, HI 96734-5260

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ashley Campbell [ashleycampbell429@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 10:46 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ashley Campbell 12-143 Mapuana Ave # 4513 Pahoa, HI 96778-7833

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Georgia Campbell [keokiakampbell@yahoo.com]

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Ms. Georgia Campbell 87-248 Hookele St Waianae, HI 96792-3328

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ellen Cantiberos [ecantiberos@insurlawhawaii.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 9:05 AM

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Mrs. Ellen Cantiberos 2420 Puunoa Pl Honolulu, HI 96816-3466

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Daisy Castleberry [dcastleberry@hawaii.rr.com]

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Vicka Chaplin [vickachaplin@gmail.com]

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of G E Chow [robagins@aol.com]

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Mrs. G E Chow 47-692 Hui Kelu St Apt 1 Kaneohe, HI 96744-4635

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Roz Cohen [rozc345@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 7:45 AM

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Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:50 PM

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Cc: robertj.conlan@gmail.com

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

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Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: Yes Submitted by: Robert J. Conlan

Organization: Individual

E-mail: robertj.comlan@gmail.com

Submitted on: 1/20/2012

#### Comments:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Corpuz 3450 Maunalei Ave Honolulu, HI 96816-2272

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Simone Correa [correasimone@hotmail.com]

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Ms. Simone Correa 824 Kinau St Apt 309 Honolulu, HI 96813-2530

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Lois Crozer [lbc@hawaii.rr.com]

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lois Crozer 1081 Koohoo Pl Kailua, HI 96734-3274

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ciera Cummings [cieracummings@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ciera Cummings PO Box 22069 Honolulu, HI 96823-2069

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Erica Cutts [ericachristine12@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Erica Cutts 1050 Kinau St Apt 1201 Honolulu, HI 96814-1022

## support for Compassionate Care proposal

sheila cyboron [scyboron@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 7:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Dear Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Stefanie Delmont [bluejourny@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 7:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Stefanie Delmont 73-1265 Kaloko Dr Kailua Kona, HI 96740-9156

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Frances Donovan [fdonovan01@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 7:04 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 23, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frances Donovan 15-1676 Noni Rd. Keaau, HI 96749

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Kimberly Dougherty [starfire558@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 8:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kimberly Dougherty 129 Hikina Ct Unit 201 Wahiawa, HI 96786-5477

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Andrew Dunne [afd@maui.net]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 7:49 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 22, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Dunne 809 Lower Kimo Dr Kula, HI 96790-8244

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Amys Dunston [amydunston@me.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:13 PM

**To:** JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Amys Dunston 89-792 Mamalahoa Hwy Captain Cook, HI 96704-8913

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Carolyn Eaton [makiki\_carolyn@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2012 5:14 PM

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House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyn Eaton 1310 Heulu St Apt 602 Honolulu, HI 96822-3049

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Bruce Ellinwood [acehi@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:43 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce Ellinwood 46-074 Puulena St Apt 1126 Kaneohe, HI 96744-3751

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of maria endler [bearkat65@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:13 PM

To: JUDtestimony

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. maria endler 47-334 Iuiu St Kaneohe, HI 96744-4711

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ardis Eschenberg [ardise@hawaii.edu]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 9:47 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 22, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Sincerely,

Dr. Ardis Eschenberg 46-263 Kahuhipa St Apt B303 Kaneohe, HI 96744-6006

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Paulette Feeney [paulettecfeeney@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Paulette Feeney PO Box 205 (53-866 D Kamehameha Hwy) Hauula, HI 96717-0205

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of ANNE E FIELD-GOMES [lizfield@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 2:16 PM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Mrs. ANNE E FIELD-GOMES 65-1243 Laelae Pl Kamuela, HI 96743-8334

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Nichole Filbert [jakesrose86@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 3:49 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Nichole Filbert 95-2039 Waikalani Pl Apt C205 Mililani, HI 96789-3440

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Lacey Fink [mpiferrari@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lacey Fink 1013 Spencer St Honolulu, HI 96822-5106

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Heidi Fisch [ms.sewgreat@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 8:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Miss Heidi Fisch 20 Wailupe Cir Honolulu, HI 96821-1519

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Lawrence Ford [labford@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Lawrence Ford 81-950 Makahiki Ln Captain Cook, HI 96704-8108

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Barbara Franklin [barbara@island-law.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 4:14 PM

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Jan 20, 2012

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Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Franklin PO Box 9 45-3438 Mamane Street, Bldg 2 Honokaa, HI 96727-0009

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sheila Fried [beautte@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 4:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sheila Fried 2619 S Kihei Rd Apt B401 Kihei, HI 96753-9664

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Jill Friedman [jillf2184@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 1:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jill Friedman PO Box 427 Hanapepe, HI 96716-0427

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ruth Fujita [fujitar004@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth Fujita 3331 Kamaaina Dr Honolulu, HI 96817-1031

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Barbara George [barbarageorge40@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 5:45 AM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara George 58-126 Iwia Pl Apt B Haleiwa, HI 96712-8740

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Wendy Goodenow [wendy@hnltravel.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Wendy Goodenow 1245 Young St Ste 203 Honolulu, HI 96814-1958

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Kyle Gouveia [aerandir69@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 8:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Kyle Gouveia 234 Hanauana Rd Haiku, HI 96708-5733

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Denise Grayzell [danceonhi@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Grayzell PO Box 893983 Mililani, HI 96789-0983

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Gemma Grott [gemmaloha@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 12:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gemma Grott 15-2691 Opihi St Pahoa, HI 96778-8719

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sherrye Grotte [sherryeg@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:13 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sherrye Grotte PO Box 5286 Kailua Kona, HI 96745-5286

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Michael Gurnas [gurnas@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 12:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Gurnas 1255 Nuuanu Ave Apt 3113 Honolulu, HI 96817-4016

#### **HB 127**

#### gshaines [gshaines@earthlink.net]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 6:12 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Dear Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I support HB 127.

Sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Providing Emergency Contraception in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided Emergency Contraception. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.

It is unconscionable to deny sexual assault survivors information and access to Emergency Contraception.

Please help ensure that survivors have access to compassionate care in Hawaii.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Cory Harden [mh@interpac.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 8:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cory Harden PO Box 10265 Hilo, HI 96721-5265

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Patricia Herrera [henpather@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 1:49 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 22, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Herrera PO Box 314 Honokaa, HI 96727-0314

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of An Hollowell [hoanghau\_an@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 10:49 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 23, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Miss An Hollowell 1509 Liholiho St Apt 305 Honolulu, HI 96822-4040

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Linda Howe [lindamhowe@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 5:15 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Howe 44-116 Kalenakai Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-2523

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sharlene Huffman [huffcz@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 5:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharlene Huffman 124 Iliwai Loop Kihei, HI 96753-7104

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Mary Hyslop [mhyslop@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 4:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Hyslop HCR 1 PO Box 5329 Keaau, HI 96749

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Marisa Ibrahim [marisaibrahim@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marisa Ibrahim 1829 Makiki St Apt 3 Honolulu, HI 96822-3268

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Diane Iwaoka [diwaoka@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 7:48 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 22, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Diane Iwaoka 1408 Ala Iolani St Honolulu, HI 96819-1435

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Claudia Jung [pikake2005@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 5:47 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Claudia Jung 3158a Kaloaluiki St Honolulu, HI 96822-6511

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Angelina Keighley [angelina96734@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:13 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Angelina Keighley 467 Manono St Kailua, HI 96734-2214

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Myra Kent [myrak@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Myra Kent 21 Kamani Kai Pl Kailua, HI 96734-5801

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of marie kerby [mistressfabienne@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 11:46 AM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. marie kerby PO Box 793 Keaau, HI 96749-0793

#### **HB 127**

Val Kim [vkimjwel@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:10 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Dear Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I support HB 127 because I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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I believe it is unconscionable to deny sexual assault survivors information and access to EC. Please help ensure that survivors have access to compassionate care in Hawaii.

Mahalo for you attention to this matter,

#### Val Kim

PO Box 308

Honokaa, HI 96727

Valerie Y O Kim <u>www.vyok.com</u> m: 323 791-8987

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Linda Lach [llach@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

I believe that sexual assault victims in Hawaii deserve the highest standard of care, including access to Emergency Contraception.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Lach 6525 Kuamoo Rd Ste A Kapaa, HI 96746-9517

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Cindy Lance [cindylouwho@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:14 PM

**To:** JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cindy Lance 2711 Anuenue St Honolulu, HI 96822-1604

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Renee Latimer [latimerr001@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 4:16 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 21, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee Committee,

I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Renee Latimer 45-543 Loihi Pl Kaneohe, HI 96744-1842

# Testimony for HB127 on 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM

mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 6:46 PM

To: JUDtestimony
Cc: vrl808@gmail.com

Testimony for JUD 1/24/2012 2:00:00 PM HB127

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: VERN LENTZ Organization: Individual

E-mail: vrl808@gmail.com Submitted on: 1/21/2012

Comments:

Message Subject: Please Pass HB 127, Compassionate Care

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee [Decision Maker],

I support HB 127.

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely, Vern R. Lentz 3161 Ala Ilima #2213 Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Robert Lightbourn [blight@maui.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 4:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Lightbourn 220 Mokuahi St Makawao, HI 96768-8952

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Joanne Lim [jol12@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:44 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Lim 2028 Alewa Dr Honolulu, HI 96817-1217

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Chantelle Lucas [chantellelucas@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Chantelle Lucas PO Box 180273 Hawaii National Park, HI 96718-0273

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Laura Margulies [laura@lauramargulies.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 4:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Please pass HB 127.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Margulies 118 Hawaii Loa St Honolulu, HI 96821-2009

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Devon Mastrich [d\_mastrich@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 6:14 PM

To: JUDtestimony

Jan 20, 2012

House Judiciary Committee

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Sincerely,

Ms. Devon Mastrich PO Box 11899 Lahaina, HI 96761-6899

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Randall McKinnon [bingoboy96817@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 12:43 PM

To: JUDtestimony

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Mr. Randall McKinnon 1465 Aala St Honolulu, HI 96817-3605

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Kimberly McMaster [mcmaster907@hotmail.co]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:13 PM

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Ms. Kimberly McMaster 2053 S Kihei Rd Apt 2c Kihei, HI 96753-9717

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Danie McReynolds [danie.mcr@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 8:18 AM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Danie McReynolds PO Box 767 Kilauea, HI 96754-0767

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Kirsty McWalter [hawaiikirsty2006@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:43 PM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kirsty McWalter 555 Pepeekeo St Apt 7 Honolulu, HI 96825-5102

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Linda Middleton [bdoing@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 11:16 AM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Dr. Linda Middleton 615 Lawelawe St Honolulu, HI 96821-1769

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of gary Miller [garyinwaikiki@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. gary Miller 400 Hobron Ln Honolulu, HI 96815-1226

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of S Miranda [mystoflare@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 5:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. S Miranda 1160 Ala Napunani St Honolulu, HI 96818-1622

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Julie Mitchell [julesmitch@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 6:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Julie Mitchell PO Box 139 Kurtistown, HI 96760-0139

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Marsha Mochizuki [mochizuki@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 12:20 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Marsha Mochizuki 45-363 Namoku St Kaneohe, HI 96744-2257

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Joy Nelson [mavs19@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 6:17 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Joy Nelson PO Box 792016 Paia, HI 96779-2016

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Renee Nunez-Kemp [renee\_nunez@yahoo.com]

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Sincerely,

Ms. Renee Nunez-Kemp PO Box 6900 Ocean View, HI 96737-6900

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sam O'Hanlon [kookymiyuki@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 12:43 PM

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Ms. Sam O'Hanlon N/A Honolulu, HI 96821

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Alex Oshiro [djrx.cares@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:44 PM

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Mr. Alex Oshiro 1920 Kahakai Dr Honolulu, HI 96814-4820

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of janice palma-Glennie [palmtree7@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 4:44 PM

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Ms. janice palma-Glennie PO Box 4849 Kailua Kona, HI 96745-4849

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Shay Park [shay.park@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 10:49 PM

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Ms. Shay Park 1238 Kelewina St Kailua, HI 96734-4518

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Gary Passon [gary@alohaaku.com]

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of tia pearson [tia.pearson@gmail.com]

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Ms. tia pearson PO Box 861697 Wahiawa, HI 96786-8563

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Hart Phillips [hamofhawaii@gmail.com]

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Mr. Hart Phillips PO Box 127 Captain Cook, HI 96704-0127

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sandi Portnoy [sandi@hnltravel.com]

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Mr. Justin Prem 650 Sheridan St Apt 43 Honolulu, HI 96814-3110

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Deborah Putnam, MD, FACEP [putnamd001@hawaii.rr.com]

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Dr. Nancy Reed 250 Ohua Ave Apt 3c Honolulu, HI 96815-3633

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Cheryl Reeser [joelypop@gmail.com]

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Ms. Cheryl Reeser 51 Kealaloa Ave Apt E Makawao, HI 96768-9069

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Joan Rich [joanrich@hawaii.rr.com]

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Ms. Joan Rich 3777 Pukalani Pl Honolulu, HI 96816-3813

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Rex Riddle [riddle@lava.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:13 PM

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Mr. Rex Riddle 2437 Kipuka St Koloa, HI 96756-9555

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Carolyne Riley [rileywhite@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 8:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyne Riley PO Box 758 Kamuela, HI 96743-0758

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Maxine Robson [maxofremax@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 12:43 PM

**To:** JUDtestimony

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Mrs. Maxine Robson 871 Ahuwale St Honolulu, HI 96821-1603

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Lili Rodriguez [lori\_r@ix.netcom.com]

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Ms. Lili Rodriguez PO Box 1083 Naalehu, HI 96772-1083

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of DJ Sakata [honolulubelle@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:13 PM

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Ms. DJ Sakata 95-422 Lauawa St Mililani, HI 96789-2956

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Judy Shabert [jshabert@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 7:45 AM

To: JUDtestimony

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Sincerely,

Dr. Judy Shabert 4341 Kapuna Rd Kilauea, HI 96754-5523

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Teri Sherrow [teri@terisherrow.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 2:46 PM

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Ms. Teri Sherrow PO Box 1892 Kihei, HI 96753-1892

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Kathy Shimata [kshimata@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 5:44 PM

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Mrs. Kathy Shimata 3453 Pawaina St Honolulu, HI 96822-1356

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Madi Silverman [jensend003@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 1:15 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Madi Silverman 174 Makawao St Kailua, HI 96734-5829

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Shelley Smith [shelley@alohabroadband.net]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 9:18 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Shelley Smith PO Box 377421 Ocean View, HI 96737-7421

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Susan Bright Spangler [bspan!@juno.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 12:17 AM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Bright Spangler 713 Ulumaika St Honolulu, HI 96816-5109

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Alison Stanford [alisong@maui.net]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:05 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Alison Stanford 431 Aki St Lahaina, HI 96761-1400

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Mele Stokesberry [holamaui@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 5:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mele Stokesberry PO Box 880231 Pukalani, HI 96788-0231

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of C Stout [c.stout@live.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 6:44 PM

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Miss C Stout 2583 Dole St Rm 483 Honolulu, HI 96822-2328

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ginny Summa [harpio11@msn.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 3:15 AM

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Ms. Ginny Summa 91-109 Ahole Pl Ewa Beach, HI 96706-3504

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Virginia Tanji [vtanji@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 5:19 PM

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Mrs. Virginia Tanji 509 University Ave Apt 603 Honolulu, HI 96826-5008

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Erik Taylor [b4kamerun@ao.com]

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Mr. Erik Taylor PO Box 2090 Kapaa, HI 96746-6090

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sandra Tetnowski [lemketetnow@yahoo.com]

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Sherri Thal [leotoo@aloha.net]

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Ms. Sherri Thal PO Box 881 Pahoa, HI 96778-0881

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Rachel Thompson [rachelthompson84@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:05 AM

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Ms. Rachel Thompson 143 Punahele St Hilo, HI 96720-2040

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Thomas Tizard [tizard8@hawaii.rr.com]

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Mr. Thomas Tizard 591 Keolu Dr Apt A Kailua, HI 96734-3965

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Lois Toyama [lois\_toyama@yahoo.com]

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Ms. Lois Toyama 4734 Aukai Ave Honolulu, HI 96816-5207

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Mary True [streamgirlll@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 5:44 PM

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Ms. Mary True PO Box 1020 Pepeekeo, HI 96783-1020

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Ms. Allison Vincent 888 Aipo St Honolulu, HI 96825-2520

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Gail Vincent [gail\_vincent@hotmail.com]

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Ms. Gail Vincent 758 Kapahulu Ave # 1010 Ste 100 Honolulu, HI 96816-6099

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Anna Vogel [baylyv@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 10:14 PM

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Mrs. Anna Vogel 83-5621 Mamalahoa Hwy Captain Cook, HI 96704-8305

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Michaael Wagner [wagnerm011@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 2:13 PM

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Mr. Michaael Wagner 2313 Ahaiki St Pearl City, HI 96782-1106

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Cynthia N. Walraven [cindywalraven@ymail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 5:45 AM

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Laura Warfield [landrews@lava.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:43 PM

To: JUDtestimony

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of FLORENCE WASAI [greenmikko@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 11:44 PM

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Sincerely,

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Laura Watkins [laura808@gmail.com]

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Claudia Webster 14 Aulike St Apt 305 Kailua, HI 96734-2709

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Dr. Roberta Weil PO Box 218 Anahola, HI 96703-0218

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Susan Werner [werners002@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 8:45 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Werner 2923 E Lelehuna Pl Haiku, HI 96708-5139

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Steve Wignall [suwitno@mac.com]

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 10:14 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Wignall 52 Aalapapa Pl Kailua, HI 96734-3174

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of DICK WRIGHT [dwright002@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 11:16 AM

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Mr. DICK WRIGHT PO Box 1029 Kalaheo, HI 96741-1029

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Susan Wurtzburg [susan.wurtzburg@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 9:47 PM

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Mr. Alan Young 2067 Kinoole St Hilo, HI 96720-5325

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Karen Young [kgsyoung@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:35 AM

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Ms. Karen Young 86-024 Glenmonger St Waianae, HI 96792-3046

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Christine Andrews [mauiwit@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:34 PM

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Ann Freed [annfreed@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:04 PM

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Ms. Ann Freed 95-227 Waikalani Dr Apt A403 Mililani, HI 96789-3532

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Doris Segal Matsunaga [dsegalmatsu@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 7:04 PM

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [info@pphi.org] on behalf of Shannon Murphy [icashootnstar@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:35 PM

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DATE:

January 23, 2012

TO:

Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

FACSIMILE NO.

(808) 586-6211

RE:

H.B. No. 127 H.D. 1

Date & Time of Hearing: January 24, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

House Conference Room 325

Dear Representative Agaran:

I urge you and your committee members to vote NO, or in the alternative to defer H.B. No. 127, H.D. 1 in committee for compelling reasons, i.e., the bill as presently drafted is unconstitutional because there is no exemption for those who have religious or conscientious objections to the dispensing of the "morning-after pill." With no such exemption, the First Amendment free speech and/or free exercise of religion rights will be transgressed.

ENACTMENT OF SB 218, IN ITS PRESENT FORM WOULD BE A CLEAR VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, AND/OR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS' RIGHTS.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a national non-profit organization, with whom I have worked in the past, has instituted lawsuits in various

parts of the country to protect the civil rights of employees not to force them to dispense the so called "morning after" pill or to make referrals to those who do. The gravamen of these lawsuits is that such compulsion violates the First Amendment rights of such employees.

Therefore, any current employee of a pharmacy or of a hospital, who for religious or conscientious reasons chooses to bring a lawsuit against the State of Hawaii and prevails were SB 218 enacted in its present form, would be awarded in all probability all of his/her lost just compensation and/or attorney's fees because such a resident would have his/her civil rights abridged.

I transmit herewith a copy of a news bulletin from the ACLJ announcing its victorious representation of 2 pharmacists in Illinois whose religious beliefs under the Free Exercise Clause of the U.S Constitution were found to be abridged.

For the foregoing reasons, I urge you to vote NO, or in the alternative to defer HB 127 HD 1 in committee.

Very truly yours,

Robert K. Matsumoto

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This is the latest installment in a year-end series looking back at a few of the hundreds of victories by the ACLJ in 2011.

Luke VanderBleek and Glenn Kosirog, two prolife pharmacy owners in Illinois, were faced with a choice: violate their religious beliefs by dispensing abortion related drugs or face sanctions under a state rule. Governor Blagojevich stated that this rule's purpose was "to stop religion from 'stand[ing] in the way' of dispensing drugs, and force pharmacies to 'fill prescriptions without making moral judgments."

The ACLJ defended these prolife pharmacists from being forced to violate their conscience and dispense abortion drugs in court and won. After six years of litigation, an Illinois state court found that the rule not only violated Illinois state law but that it also violated the Free Exercise Clause of the U.S. Constitution. This is not only a victory for these two pharmacists but for the freedom of conscience of prolife members of the medical profession across America.

To help the ACLJ continue to have the resources we need to make these victories possible and continue these fights, please consider making a donation to the ACLJ (http://aclj.org/donate) through our year-end Matching Challenge. Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar though the end of the year.

You can read more in the ACLJ's 2011 Victories series here (http://aclj.org/Tags/2011%20Victories).