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**Progressive Change Campaign Committee endorses
Kai Kahele for Congressional District 2**

[HONOLULU] – State Senator Kaiiali'i Kahele received the endorsement of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee (PCCC) in his bid to represent Hawai'i's Congressional District 2.

"Kai Kahele is a state senator and former nonprofit director running for Congress in Hawaii's 2nd district," said Maria Langholz, spokesperson for the PCCC, which is a grassroots organization engaged in electoral and democracy issues advocacy work for economic populist priorities. "In the senate, Kai has proven himself to be a champion of the environment, including fighting corporations to protect public water rights and other natural resources. He has also worked to lower the cost of tuition and textbooks for Hawaii students. His platform includes Medicare for All, a Green New Deal, and a \$15 minimum wage."

The Kahele for Congress Campaign said, "Hawai'i is the most oil dependent state in the country, and Kai supports doing everything we can to fight climate change, reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and promote the use of renewable energy sources. Our future not only depends on caring for our environment, but also ensuring the next generation can earn a college degree without the barrier of cost. Kai will fight for student debt forgiveness and increasing federal financial aid for higher education. In addition, economic stability and access to healthcare are critical concerns for every family, and Kai will work to preserve Social Security, expand Medicare access, and support a living wage for working-class families."

Other groups that have endorsed Kahele include: Daily Kos, Serve America, New Politics, Emgage PAC, Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Rising & Empowering PAC, Progressive Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, VoteVets, Demand Universal Healthcare, Human Rights Campaign, Friends of Intelligent Democracy, and People for the American Way.

Kahele currently serves as Majority Floor Leader and Chairman of the Committee on Water and Land in the Hawai'i State Senate, where he represents his hometown of Hilo. He announced his candidacy on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 22, 2019 at the historic Mo'ohau Bandstand in downtown Hilo. The 2nd Congressional District encompasses Hawai'i Island, Maui, Kaho'olawe, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau and the rural parts of O'ahu, including Waimānalo, Kailua, Kāne'ohe, the North Shore, and the Leeward coast.

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Kai Kahele serves as a Lt. Col. in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, United States Air Force. Use of his military rank, job titles, or photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Hawai'i Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force or the Dept. of Defense.

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