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United Food & Commercial Workers Local 480, Friends of Intelligent Democracy, and People for the American Way Endorse Kai Kahele for Congressional District 2

[HONOLULU] – State Senator Kaiiali'i Kahele received endorsements from United Food & Commercial Workers Local 480, Friends of Intelligent Democracy, and People for the American Way in his bid to represent Hawai'i's Congressional District 2.

Pat Loo, president of United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Local 480 (UFCW), which represents grocery and retail workers at many companies in Hawai'i, said, "Kai Kahele is a modern day young Hawaiian who will prepare today for Hawai'i's needs of tomorrow as our U.S. Congressman." UFCW Local 480 is part of UFCW International, which represents 1.4 million workers in grocery, retail, health care and other industries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Citing Kahele's support for protecting the environment, universal background checks for gun control, the Equality Act, and women's reproductive rights, the Friends of Intelligent Democracy (FID), a PAC run by college students and young professionals, said, "Friends of Intelligent Democracy is excited to endorse Lt. Colonel Kai Kahele to represent Hawai'i's 2nd District! Our mission is to identify candidates that are committed to fighting for all Americans with data-driven and progressive policies. Our endorsed candidates represent the best of the best and firmly support policies that represent our generation's values as they legislate and define our future. In this deeply polarized time, we need leaders who will prioritize creating real solutions over partisan talking points to achieve real, lasting change."

People for the American Way (PFAW) said, "PFAW's Voters Alliance PAC is proud to endorse Kai Kahele for U.S. House of Representatives, HI-02. Founded in 1981 by Norman Lear, People for the American Way has mobilized Americans nationwide to fight for progressive values: equal rights, freedom of speech, religious liberty, and equal justice under the law for every American. PFAW's Voters Alliance PAC is committed to winning elections that will lead to progressive outcomes reflecting our true American values."

Other unions and organizations that have endorsed Kahele include: ILWU, Local 142; HGEA AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO; Iron Workers, Local 625; Hawaii Masons Union, Local 1; Hawaiian Airlines Master Executive Council of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA); Association of Flight Attendants-CWA; 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; and the Human Rights Campaign.

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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, United States Air Force or the Department of Defense.

Paid for by Kahele for Congress