



Dear Hawai'i Democrat:

We don't have to tell you just how crucial our open U. S. Senate election is to our party, our Hawai'i and our country. No Democrat can underestimate the threat posed by the national Republicans and Linda Lingle to all we've fought and will continue to fight for. Our choice will truly determine not only our party's future in Hawai'i, but very possibly the Senate majority itself at a critical crossroads for our country.

In our primary we must choose a candidate who can both lead our party and country over the next generation *and* beat Linda Lingle. Our choice is between Ed Case and Mazie Hirono, both proud Democrats who share our core values.

We support Ed Case because he will provide strong effective Democratic leadership for our country and will beat Linda Lingle. We want to be sure, as you consider your own decision, that you know Ed's actual record as a Democrat.

Attached is an overview of Ed's positions and record on some key Democratic issues. These just scratch the surface of Ed's record as a Democrat over his career, beginning in his early 20s with U. S. Senator Spark Matsunaga. They don't even begin to describe his record of constituent outreach and service and on other key issues such as growing our economy and creating good jobs. There's much more on his website at www.edcase.com.

Here's our bottom line. Ed's actual positions and record leave no doubt that he is a true Democrat and will fight for our values in the Senate over the next generation.

Please also consider that, as high as the stakes were for our party and Hawai'i when we earlier faced a Lingle candidacy, they don't even begin to approach the stakes in our making the right choice in our Democratic primary to face Lingle and her national Republicans in November.

We ask you now to think about it and talk with your fellow party members about what really is the right decision for us all. We hope that you, like us, will support Ed Case as the one who can win in November and get the job done for us all in the U. S. Senate.

Mahalo for your consideration. We welcome your questions.

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Democrat Ed Case

These are examples of Congressman Ed Case's record as a Democrat:

Team player

- Nobody at the Democratic Party of Hawaii's May 2010 convention can forget Ed's speech withdrawing his U. S. House candidacy in favor of Congresswoman Hanabusa. He then went out and worked for her election, contributing to her victory over the Djou candidacy.
- Nobody can forget his endorsement speech at Mazie's headquarters on '02 Governor's race primary election night or his flying the state for her with our Democratic team.
- In his four years in Congress he fought alongside Sens. Inouye and Akaka and Congressman Abercrombie for Hawai'i on all issues, including saving Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Party voting/philosophy

- In his four years in Congress, Ed voted with the House Democratic majority 91% of the time.
- On key votes, on a scale of 1% (being the most "liberal" of all 435 House members) to 100% (being the most "conservative"), Ed ranked over four years at 38%, in the middle of the Democratic caucus.
- Similarly, Americans for Democratic Action rated Ed's record over four years at 84% (with 87% being the House Democrats' average).

Bush tax cuts

- Like President Obama, Ed has always supported a progressive tax code that shares responsibility fairly, helps small businesses thrive and gives working families tax relief.
- He voted against the Bush tax cuts and does not support their extension for the wealthy.
- A Civil Beat Fact Check of a contrary ad stating that Mazie Hirono was the "only candidate" to oppose the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy found that claim to be "False".

Social Security/Medicare

- Ed has called these programs some of the most successful in our country's history, literally saving millions of lives, and is committed to their preservation.
- In Congress he opposed the Bush privatization plan and introduced Democratic proposals to "lockbox" the trust fund.
- AARP rated him 100% on key votes.

Labor

- In Congress Ed advocated for public and private organized labor and opposed Bush proposals to weaken collective bargaining.
- The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) rated his key votes 100%.

Fiscal solvency.

- Ed fought for fiscal solvency and opposed the Bush budgets, which he called plain dishonest.
- His early advocacy with like-minded fellow Democrats for PAYGO (pay-as-you-go budgeting) was later endorsed (and adopted) by Democratic leaders including President Obama, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, as well as by Mazie.

Women

- Ed fought Republican efforts to weaken key programs and rights, including a woman's right of choice.
- Planned Parenthood rated his record at 100%.

GLBTs

- Ed's record of defending GLBT rights, at great political consequence, dates back to his service as Hawai'i State Representative, where, for example, as a member of the House Judiciary Committee in 1997 he cast the lone no vote against the constitutional amendment effectively banning same-gender marriage.
- In Congress he was an early opponent of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and supported repeal of DOMA.
- The Human Rights Campaign rated his record at 100%.

Education

- Ed fought for public education as a member of the House Education Committee and opposed Republican proposals such as a mandated voucher system.
- The National Education Association rated his record at close to 100%.

Environment

- Ed fought for our environment across the board and authored the bill on which the now-Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Monument was modeled.
- Various environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters rated his record at close to 100%.

Iraq

- In the 2002 campaign, before his election to Congress, Ed said that, based on what he knew then, including the Bush claim of weapons of mass destruction, he probably would have voted as did a majority of Democratic Senators, including Senators Clinton, Biden, Daschle, Kerry, Reid and Schumer, for the October 2002 resolution authorizing intervention.
- As Congressman he said that Iraq had been a tragic mistake and advocated for a phased withdrawal based on stability in Iraq, a position later adopted by President Obama.

President Obama

- Ed endorsed President Obama before the 2008 Hawai'i Democratic convention.
- He has supported key administration initiatives including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.