

Democratic Party of Hawai'i

State Central Committee Resolution 2025-01

Resolution in Support of Nonviolent Protests

WHEREAS, the right to nonviolent protest is a fundamental principle of democracy and, at this critical moment in our nation, a vital means for elected representatives in the Democratic Party to express the concerns of their constituents and grass roots activists to advocate for Democratic values;

WHEREAS, Representative Al Green (D-Texas) and other legislators in the Democratic Party have demonstrated courage and commitment to their principles by engaging in nonviolent protests against cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and other policies they believe to be harmful to the public;

WHEREAS, during President Trump's joint address to Congress on March 4, 2025, Representative Al Green stood and interrupted the speech to voice his opposition to proposed cuts to Medicaid, stating that the president had no mandate to make such cuts, and Representative Al Green's actions were driven by his deep concern for the well-being of his constituents who rely on these essential services;

WHEREAS, peaceful protests are conducted in the spirit of civil disobedience, aiming to draw attention to critical issues such as healthcare, social justice, and the protection of vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, the actions of Democratic legislators reflect a deep dedication to their duty to advocate for the well-being of their constituents and uphold the values of justice and equality;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawaii expresses its full support for Representative Al Green, other Democratic legislators, and grass roots activists who engage in nonviolent protests as a means of advocating for their constituents and highlighting important social and political issues;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawaii firmly opposes the censure of Representative Al Green, those who voted for the censure of Representative Al Green, and any efforts to strip Representative Al Green of his committee seat;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawaii firmly opposes the unconstitutional punishment and punitive measures, implemented by the Trump administration, against grassroots organizers peacefully protesting for critical issues such as healthcare, social justice, and the protection of vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawaii encourages continued dialogue and constructive engagement on the issues that prompt these protests, with the goal of finding solutions that promote the common good and uphold the principles of democracy.

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be distributed to United States House Democratic Leadership, Democratic Members of Congress, members of the Democratic National Committee Leadership, local and national press organizations, and be posted prominently on the Democratic Party of Hawai'i website.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Central Committee on April 5, 2025.