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Ms. Kimberly Selden
President/CEO
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Dear Kimberly,

We at Hawaii Right to Life are excited to learn of the formation of Hawaii Helps Disabilities and the opportunity to partner with your organization!

HHD offers something unique to our island community and beyond: advocacy and practical help for the disabled community while helping others understand that the disabled person has the same right to live as any other individual.

One of the aspects of the right-to-life movement is to educate others about how individual choices and public policy affect the disabled person. Examples of this include euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, issues surrounding medical futility, and abortion, all of which disproportionately and negatively affect the ability of disabled people to live and thrive.

Hawaii Helps Disabilities, like Hawaii Right to Life, can be a part of the answer to those in our society who erroneously believe that disabled people are somehow "less than" others or not fully human with innate dignity and purpose. By working together, we can better promote and defend the rights of the disabled, including their most basic and inalienable right to life.

For their lives,

Karen DiCostanzo

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President
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*Ho'omaika'i ke ola ka pono lehua me ka make
Respect for life from conception to natural death*