

# 2012 HAWAII ELECTION SPOTLIGHT:



## See How Your Congressional Members Voted on Jobs and the Economy

This guide is designed to help you—the voter—clearly see how members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives voted on housing, consumer needs, and jobs in 2011. On the back of this sheet, look up the names of your senators (listed first and in bold) and representatives. Match the icons below with the icons next to their names to see if they voted in a manner that stands up for the issues you care about.

- This icon means that a congressional member could not vote or was not present to vote.

### U.S. SENATE

#### “American Jobs Act of 2011” (S. 1660)

Created to extend the payroll tax cut to keep money in the pockets of hardworking families and to create job opportunities for the unemployed, low-income individuals, and young people on projects that improve local communities.

- Members with this icon next to their names voted against this bill which is contrary to homeowner, consumer, and worker protections.

#### Confirmation of Richard Cordray of Ohio as Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

Nominated to ensure strong leadership and oversight of the CFPB—the new bureau devoted entirely to looking out for consumers’ rights.

- Members with this icon next to their names voted against this confirmation which is contrary to homeowner, consumer, and worker protections.

### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### Amendment to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

Created to dilute the strength of the CFPB by replacing its director position with a committee, giving predatory lenders and scam artists the upper hand. Congressional members with this icon next to their names stood up for consumer protections by voting **against** this amendment.

- Members with this icon next to their names voted for this bill and thus contrary to homeowner, consumer, and worker protections.

#### NSP Termination Act (H.R. 861)

Created to zero out a final round of much-needed funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and then to terminate the program in the midst of the enduring foreclosure crisis. Congressional members with this icon next to their names stood up for homeowners by voting **against** this bill.

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## Hawaii

Akaka, Daniel (D)

Inouye, Daniel (D)

Hanabusa, Colleen (D)

Hirono, Mazie (D)

These four icons indicate a consumer-friendly vote.

These icons symbolize a vote contrary to homeowner, consumer and worker protections.

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## Join Us for Home for Good Events in Your Community

From May through July of 2012, civil rights and consumer groups will host Home for Good community events in Sacramento, California (May 10); Las Vegas, Nevada (June 7); Miami, Florida (June 20); Columbus, Ohio (June 28); and beyond. Text HOME or HOGAR to 62571 to join the Home for Good mobile action network and receive the latest updates on housing events in your neighborhood! For more information, go to [myhomeforgood.com](http://myhomeforgood.com) or contact Nancy Wilberg Ricks, Policy Analyst, National Council of La Raza, at (202) 776-1754 or [nwilberg@nclr.org](mailto:nwilberg@nclr.org).