**Statement from** **Ron Curtis, Republican Nominee for Hawaii US Senate Seat**

Your organization’s questionnaire is quite detailed, comprehensive, and truly focused on advocating for people with disabilities. To properly address your questionnaire, I would bring in knowledgeable people such as yourself and members of your organization to collaborate and advise on the best paths forward in addressing the questions that you pose. If elected, I would do just that to address the concerns your organization has raised. I would invite subject matter experts to collaborate with our staff on the research and analysis they have performed to use as the foundation for new legislation allowing for those with disabilities to be more inclusive in day-to-day life in Hawaii and in America. This is an approach rather than a solution, but it is an approach that should lead to significant solutions if we can get the best people involved in the process.