The ACLU, sword and shield of our rights, is more important than ever as Trump’s rash campaign promises become policy proposals attacking the most basic principles of a free press, immigrants’ rights, women’s rights, LGBT equality, and more. It’s been a busy year for all who care about civil liberties and civil rights. The ACLU, nationally and here in Hawai‘i, has been boosted by incredible support from our local ‘ohana of volunteers, activists, donors, members, clients, attorneys, organizational allies, staff, and Board leaders. Deep mahalo.


Know this: the resistance is working, and ACLU of Hawai‘i is with you. We have your back.

We’re here to protect and advance civil rights as guaranteed by the U.S. and Hawai‘i State Constitutions. Nonprofit, non-partisan and independent, we accept no government funding. We will keep fighting for a future that continues to honor island values and protects the Bill of Rights for all people, no matter who runs the government.
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