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**Congressional candidate Shay Chan Hodges joins Sen. Bernie Sanders in  
Endorsing Hillary Clinton for President.**

MAKAWAO, HI — Maui resident Shay Chan Hodges, who is running for Congress as a Democrat to represent Hawaii's 2nd Congressional District, had the following to say in endorsing Hillary Clinton for President of the United States of America:

"I voted for Bernie Sanders in the primary and this morning I am proud to join with Sen. Sanders in endorsing Hillary Clinton for President. It has been a remarkable Democratic primary season with issues critical to our future raised by both Senator Sanders and Secretary Clinton. I have been inspired to see the passion and energy in both candidates and their supporters for the issues that progressive Democrats hold dear such as tuition-free public colleges and universities for the middle class, a 'public option' in health insurance exchanges and a \$15-per-hour federal minimum wage. It has also been wonderful to see so many young people so excited to vote for the first time, including my own two sons and their friends.

"While millions of Democrats passionately supported Bernie Sanders during the primary, it is time for all of us to join with Sen. Sanders by coming together as ONE party, stronger than ever, prepared to take on and defeat Donald Trump — a Republican Presidential candidate like none we have seen before who is a fundamental threat to what we Democrats have fought so hard for and hold dear.

"With this in mind, I am honored and excited to endorse Hillary Clinton to become the next President of the United States. With her wealth of experience, knowledge, fortitude, and hard work, she is ready to fight for all of us, regardless of race, gender and sexual orientation."

"I am also proud that my party has nominated the first woman for President." Chan Hodges referred to an article for Motto written by Patsy Mink's daughter Gwendolyn Mink last month, in which Mink stated: "While Secretary Clinton's nomination marks a significant moment in our history, it also confers an obligation to translate one woman's moment into palpable, measurable and meaningful improvements in the status, security and opportunities of all women and their families. Clinton's nomination is not the end of the story; it's the beginning of possibility."

"I am excited to participate in that possibility," Chan Hodges said, "and I urge my opponent to join Hawaii Sens. Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz, Congressman Mark Takai and former Congresswoman and current congressional candidate Colleen Hanabusa in saying 'I'm with her,' just as I'm doing today."