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In Hawai'i and across America, Free Speech Week celebrates and recognizes the importance of our First Amendment rights to free speech and press. Our democracy depends on the ability of people, and especially journalists and reporters, to ask tough questions, search for the truth, and share their findings without fear of violence or persecution.

In the United States Senate, I am committed to supporting and defending our right to free speech in this country. The resolution I led reaffirming Congress' support of the First Amendment and condemning attacks on the free press was unanimously passed by the Senate. I have also introduced legislation to examine the role local news outlets play in a democracy and to stop the practice of banning books.

The freedom of speech is a founding principle of our country, and it is up to all of us to protect it. *Mahalo* to everyone who works to ensure that we can all exercise these fundamental rights during Free Speech Week and throughout the year.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Schatz".

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