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Dear CISC Committee members,

I am in support of public funding of State political campaigns and cutting the special interest funds that apply pressures and temptations to our elected officials. I feel these measures would go a long way in reducing these pressures.

\*The full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i.

\*Banning the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.

\*Reducing the cap on campaign donations from \$6,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$100, \$100, and \$100. Montana caps their maximum donation for state legislative races at \$180 per election.

\*Banning contributions from corporations and unions as 21 other states now do.

\*Limit candidate campaign war chests. This is done in Alaska where candidates can only carry forward a small portion of their campaign account from one election to the next. This law was upheld by the Alaska Supreme Court which noted that when a candidate who is unopposed raises money and squirrels it away for a future election, they are effectively circumventing donation limits for that future election.

All 5 are important, but the reform that makes all other reforms possible is the public funding of elections. Ban and limit big-money special interests and replace it with public funds to be used to elect public servants beholden only to the public.

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