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To the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct,

I am writing to you to request that you seriously consider major reforms in Hawaii's campaign finance policies. Elected officials in the State of Hawaii are being corrupted by big-money campaign donors. Some legislators are currently under indictment, two have pleaded guilty to accepting bribes, some have obscenely high campaign account balances, and fundraising from special interests poised to benefit directly from legislators' votes is a regular occurrence.

As a registered voter, I have lost much confidence in the State's election process. The voice of the people is being ignored by legislators who are on the take by large campaign donors, corporations and unions. Corruption is rampant at our State Capitol. You as members of the CISC have the power to effect needed change that will restore public confidence in government and greatly influence the future of democracy in Hawaii.

Please consider these reforms to Hawaii campaign finance for the incoming 2023 legislature:

- 1. Full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawaii.**
- 2. Ban the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.**
- 3. Reduce the cap on campaign donations to \$100.**
- 4. Ban contributions from corporations and unions** as 21 other states now do.
- 5. Limit candidate campaign war chests** that are carried over to future campaigns.

Other US states have adopted these reforms which has led to "clean elections" and greater public confidence and participation in the election process in their states. As CISC members, you have a great opportunity and responsibility to correct the course of Hawaii State government at this moment in Hawaii's history. Please seriously consider these recommendations.

‘O wau nō me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

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