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Aloha Commission Members,

I urge you to adopt all 5 measures under consideration:

- 1. The full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i.
- 2. Banning the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.
- 3. Reducing the cap on campaign donations from \$6000, \$4000, and \$2000 down to \$2000, \$100, \$100, and \$100 respectively.
- 4. Banning all contributions from corporations and unions. It's been done successfully before in many other states and needs to be done in Hawai'i.
- 5. Limit candidate campaign war chests. Endless accumulations that roll over from one cycle to the next effectively bar any newcomers from participation in the process of governing, especially those genuinely interested in public service rather than power and money. This is indefensible.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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