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Dear Honorable Judge Foley and Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I fully support the below 5 critical campaign finance reform related measures proposed by Gary Hooser.

- 1. Only allow public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i.**
- 2. Prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.**
- 3. Reduce the cap on campaign donations** from from \$6,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$100, \$100, and \$100.
- 4. Prohibit contributions from corporations and unions** as 21 other states now do.
- 5. Limit candidate campaign funds ("war chests").**

In addition, especially in election years:

1. Require more frequent reporting of campaign contributions.
2. Require candidates to disclose any direct business or familial relationship to donors.
3. As noted in my June 1 earlier testimony, lobbyists should disclose the specific bills they lobby for/against so the public can compare lobbyist contributions to their campaign donations.

Separately, I support Commissioner Mason's suggestion at the June 15 meeting to please add a discussion of the Initiative-Referendum process as a future agenda item. I am happy to connect the Commission with colleagues with national expertise on this issue, if helpful.

Thank you again for the important work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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