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Aloha, esteemed lawmakers,

Greetings from your constituents in Palolo Valley, Honolulu.

Tomorrow, June 29, 2022, you meet to discuss recommendations on campaign finance reform.

Given the recent scandals we have seen featuring influence peddling and, in some cases, outright criminality, it is appropriate to take steps to guard the public interest. As voters claiming an equal voice in the governance of our polity, we wish to support the following recommendations before the Committee:

That all State and County elections in Hawai'i be fully publicly funded under a scheme similarly to that recently successfully implemented in the State of Maine;

That the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session be banned outright;

That the cap on campaign donations be reduced from \$6,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$100, \$100, and \$100;

That contributions from corporations and unions be banned, as is currently the practice in 21 states; and

That the size of candidates' campaign war chests be subject to limits and that carryovers from one election cycle to the next be restricted.

Me ka mahalo no ko 'oukou hana 'ana i nā mea e pono ai,

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