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Dear Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct,

I am very concerned about the way campaign finance is being done in Hawaii. I recommend the following five reforms, the most important one being the first one. I hope you will consider and recommend these reforms to the incoming 2023 legislature and the new governor.

- 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 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.
- 4. Banning contributions from corporations and unions** as 21 other states now do.
- 5. 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.

Thank you,

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