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**To the Members of the CISC Commission:**

I urge the CISC to embrace and recommend to the incoming 2023 legislature and to our new governor **all 5 of the reforms recommended below:**

**\*Full public funding for all State and County elections in Hawai'i.**

**\*Banning the solicitation or acceptance of campaign donations during the legislative session.**

**\*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.

**\*Banning contributions from corporations and unions** as 21 other states now do.

**\*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 candidateHawaii presently has a program that provides some matching funds. While this program is utilized by some candidates in some races, it is significantly underutilized, underfunded, and falls far short of the Maine "Clean Elections" model.

Numerous other states have election laws which mirror these recommendations, and which help keep their elections clean.

There is no question that special interest money has a corrupting influence on politics and government. There is no question that those entities who have the ability to supply the money have a significantly greater amount of influence on government policymakers.

**And there is no question that the Commission To Improve Standards Of Conduct (CISC) is in a position to greatly influence the future of democracy in Hawaii.**

Thank you.

Nicola Miller