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SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY  
OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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**From:** [Keith Moniz](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** UH Probe  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 3:33:45 PM

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Ms. Mercado Kim,

I am glad you are looking into this disappearing act that Marcie Greenwood and Virginia Hinshaw are trying to pull on the people of Hawaii, especially our students from UH. I hope you are going to dig deeper, because I believe this is only one of many coverups that are going on.

Thanks for all your hard work regarding this matter.

Keith K. Moniz

**From:** JE  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** UH review  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 4:24:37 PM

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Senator Kim,  
Thank you for your good work!  
Jeanne Yagi

Sent from our iPad

**From:** [mpeary1947@aol.com](mailto:mpeary1947@aol.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** BRAVO!!! (Senate hearing today)  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 6:26:25 PM

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Aloha Senator Kim,

I watched with great interest the proceedings today ... wow!!! Others told me you would "do your homework and wouldn't back down" and, you most definitely represented the citizens of Hawaii with great dignity and respect!

My observation to date is this ... the most credible testifier was Jim Donovan. He was very forthright and believable. On the other hand, Ms. Greenwood 'tap danced' her way through the proceedings and most of us who watched the proceedings could see right through her bureaucratic double talk.

As I write this, the Board Chair is being 'grilled' and I put him in the same category with Ms. Greenwood.

It appears people have stuck their noses in places where they don't belong (coach search committee) and were very lax in overseeing the more important issues involving contracts and the wiring of money for the defunct concert along with settle agreements.

I know your committee is not in a position to fire anyone Senator Kim; however, there needs to be some sort of action taken. Perhaps if the Professors, etc. do a planned "no confidence vote" and the public marches on Ms. Greenwood's office as well as the Board of Regents, it may apply enough pressure for some much needed resignations. The taxpayers cannot continue to pay for their power-hungry; inordinate arrogance and stupidity!

With much gratitude and respect,

Margaret Peary  
Mililani Mauka

**From:** [Francis Oyama](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** UH/Stevie Wonder Hearing  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 7:15:50 PM

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Honorable Senator Kim:

Thank you for trying to find out what happened regarding the failed Stevie Wonder fund-raising concert.

I only caught a tiny example of the hearing on the TV news. The example I viewed was M.R.C. Greenwood not accepting responsibility for any part of the incident. It makes me wonder why she is collecting such a large salary. Remember the TV series "Hogan Heroes" and the line from the Sgt. Schultz character "I know nothing"? Greenwood is Sgt. Schultz.

It seems that the the UH administration is hiding something. They withhold information. That is contemptible. They present to you and your committee a report compiled by a private attorneys' office with items blacked-out. UH is a public institution supported by the public's money. Sso the expectation of privacy should not be an issue, at least not to you and your committee.

Please do not allow the highly paid top-level administrators like Greenwood to not provide all information in a truthful, forthright way. They are accountable for what happened.

Respectfully yours,  
Francis Oyama

**From:** [Alan Okinaka](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Mahalo!  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 7:38:28 PM

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Aloha Senator Kim,

Thanks for a great six hours! You guys, especially you, did a great job interviewing everyone this afternoon. I am sure it was painful for many, but these things need to be aired. I am sure everyone who testified is thinking about what they said today...well, maybe not Donovan. He was the only one who answered the questions and his answers were believable.

Mahalo again,

Alan Okinaka  
Hilo, Hawaii

**From:** [Dale Suzuki](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** September 24, 2012 Senate Special Committee on Accountability (SCOA) Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 8:35:44 PM

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Honorable Senator Kim,

YOU TOO GOOD! I watched your SCOA all day today and was especially impressed by the pointed questions you asked and comments on answers you received as the Chair of the SCOA.

I also appreciated Senator Tokuda's repeat request for confirmation to and by the UH President and BOR Chair on whether the Performance Evaluation of any and all UH personnel involved would properly reflect the lack of action(s) they did not take or should taken, which would really be just a "slap on the hand" as long as their overall performance ratings meets expectations.

Mark my words: NO ONE WILL BE TERMINATED!!

Regarding the Merit Principle and Performance Evaluation statutes, I previously talked to one of your staff for you to consider investigating why Departmental Directors can UNILATERALLY overturn and/or rescind time-consuming and documentation efforts of supervisors, section heads and/or managers to termination poor performers in accordance with the aforementioned statutes and departmental policies and procedures by (1) reassigning them to sinecure or reclassified positions at the same pay and/or (2) reinstate and retroactively restore all pay, rights and benefits to an employee who was terminated and not working for one year and four months (and paid an estimated \$100,000+ in back pay and interest; and possibly credited 1.25 years of vacation and sick leave for not working and double payment if he was paid a lump sum of accumulated vacation leave). What a sweet deal!

Such unilateral actions by departmental directors sends a message to and sets precedence that all poor performers should have no fear of terminations for poor performance, should be treated the same as the selected and protected few and discourages supervisory-management staff to think about going through the ordeal to terminate an employee for poor performance.

I'm sure there are more than just one Executive Branch department that this has occurred. When this happens, this smacks of cronyism and/or political influence. May be all State employees terminated for poor performance should threaten to sue the State, just like the settlement agreement with UH AD by threat of suit.

Why have a merit system and performance evaluations when directors can unilaterally overturn and/or rescind poor performance terminations under their hiring and firing authority. Just eliminate the merit system and evaluations and have supervisory-management staff first clear with directors on whether or not they should pursue termination efforts and actions for poor performers.

In the above example, the reinstated employee believes he should be and is entitled to be the manager, which will happen if the present manager can be "pressured" enough by the micromanaging director to find another comparable position, which he looking for .

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale K. Suzuki  
State Retiree



**From:** [Warren Iwasa](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Accountability Briefing  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 9:02:55 PM

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Dear Senator Kim:

Thank you for the thought and effort that went into preparing for today's briefing. The veil has finally been pulled back. It's amazing how much pilikia has resulted from the flawed process used by the BOR to select the president. I hope you will press the administration and board to make students and quality education relevant again at UH.

Sincerely,

Warren Iwasa  
Honolulu

**From:** [Bernard Lum](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** University of Hawaii Hearings  
**Date:** Monday, September 24, 2012 9:52:54 PM

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Senator Kim:

Thank you for holding the hearings today on the UH's Wonder Blunder. What was clear from the hearings is that leadership is very poor in the UH system. As a graduate of UH I was embarrassed and amazed by the answers provided by those in leadership at UH. There is a definite lack of confidence on my part in UH President Greenwood and also the Board of Regents. The waste of tax monies for attorney fees, consultants and public relations is appalling. The Chairman of the Board of Regents seemed clueless when questioned on their duties in overseeing the UH. As a taxpayer I would like to see closer legislative review and oversight on funding for the UH. Your tough questions were spot on in targeting the issues and weaknesses in the UH system.

Please continue the good work.

Bernard

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**From:** [notionsip@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:notionsip@hawaiiantel.net)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Uh debacle  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 7:25:56 AM

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Donna

How can a 200k job be handed to Donovan. Does the uh budget "just have" an extra 200k to pass around?

Greenwood should lose her job on this as it happened on her watch, no exception. How about she reimburse the school/state, she certainly can afford it.

Donovan should be out, without any packages!

Jeff Yuh

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

**From:** [notionsip@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:notionsip@hawaiiantel.net)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Uh debacle  
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Donna

It is impossible to not know where and who the receipt is for the wire transfer that was sent.

The receiving bank has this information as far as name, address, account number etc. There is a very visible paper trail that should be easy to trace.

Jeff Yuh

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**From:** [Colin Tanaka](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** UH Hearings  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:18:21 AM

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Aloha Senator Kim,

I wanted to send express my support and appreciation to you and your committee members for scheduling the UH hearings. I am also a taxpayer that felt there was a serious lack of accountability and public information by the University of Hawaii in this and other situations. I, like you, was also dismayed that President Greenwood tried to make a distinction between public money and monies that were involved in the Wonder concert situation. Also, if one is to offer transparency, all documents relating to the issue should be released and the owner of the document must not withhold any document that they believe may not be important or relevant.

I believe that the UH was trying to conceal the larger mistakes that contributed to the loss of public monies. Due diligence is sometimes not done when officials have the misguided belief that it is not their "own monies."

Also, I am not sure if you are aware that Olelo Television was not on the air and I'm sure many taxpayers were not given the opportunity to view the hearings. I hope that future hearings will be available on Olelo Television.

So, in closing, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for allowing the public to see how their monies are being spent and putting public officials on notice that they will be held accountable for their actions.

Thank you for your continued efforts,

Colin Tanaka

**From:** [DiveKailua](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:43:04 AM

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Great job on starting to expose the cancer at upper campus.  
Your dedication to the people of Hawaii is really shining bright.

Aloha, Bill Crook

**From:** [Spangler Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** You are incredible  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 10:26:36 AM

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Hi Donna,

Just a note to let you know how much respect Sherry and I have for you. Watched the whole hearing yesterday. You are so on target!

You go!

Aloha,

Stephanie

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**From:** [Michael Shishido](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Go Get 'em Donna  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 10:43:46 AM

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Hi Donna,

It's been a long time. Hope you're doing well.

I got to see some of the UH testimony. UH seems pretty messed up from the Board of Regents on down. I hope you're able to get to the bottom of this mess. Something tells me there's a lot more to uncover.

Go get 'em!

Thanks,  
Michael

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**From:** [dblakehawaii](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Hearing on the UH  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 1:00:53 PM

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Dear Senator Kim,

Thank you for your careful consideration of the details relating to the UH athletic department and to the inquiry into President Greenwood's role. You performed excellently in your role as Chair of the committee. Tracking down such information is incredibly difficult and time consuming. Mahalo for your diligence.

President Greenwood, I think, gave every appearance of being a weak leader in her role as supervisor and supposed authority in handling many of the decisions. Her apologies do not really excuse her performance. It is also disconcerting to hear her say, on occasion in testifying, "Let me be honest," as if much of what she says involves carefully crafted informative misrepresentation.

Also, the performance of the Chair of the Board of Regents was shameful.

Keep up the good work!

Don Blakeley

**From:** [Val Ishii](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* SCAT  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 1:00:59 PM

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You have earned my respect by your obvious commitment to evaluating the facts of this situation. Just as a simple entry report at the Watergate Hotel lead to a lot of dirty laundry being uncovered, I feel that you may have begun to unravel a nasty situation at the University that should be cleaned up to the benefit of the institution, its students and graduates and the people of Hawaii.

Val Ishii,  
Sorry not in your district!

**From:** [Gmail](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** hearing with UH  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 2:35:52 PM

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Mahalo Senator for the way you conducted yourself at the hearing on Monday. I think the senators stayed objective thanks to your leadership. I was not very familiar with you prior to this and I am very impressed by your composure and professionalism. I was pretty surprised by how the UH president conducted herself in the meeting, interrupting you folks, and being condescending. I think what was apparent in the questioning is how this President can't stand taking responsibility for her operation, she keeps trying to shift blame and make excuses. This is not how a leader and manager operates. She will continue to look after her own okole if we let her stay and more issues will arise. This in my mind is strike 3. Strike 1 – McMackin. Strike 2 – demand of a housing stipen. Strike 3 – Wonder Blunder.

Best,  
Brooke Wilson  
2005 Graduate, UH Manoa.

**From:** [DiveKailua](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:43:04 AM

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Aloha, Bill Crook

**From:** [kohtun](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Thanks for the hearings  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 5:00:13 PM

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Hi Sen. Kim:

I watched with great interest the hearing that you and your committee conducted on the UH fund raising fiasco on Olelo. You did a marvelous job, and I am waiting for the second act.

I am a retired faculty member of U. H., and have been disappointed and distressed over the years with the behavior and performance of the U. H. administration and the Board of Regents; starting within recent memory of the Dobelle affair. I have yet to see them show initiative, (a magic word for them), to do something that is sound, fair and impressive, and cause us to be pleasantly surprised and proud of being part of the U. H. family. I applaud your insistence on finding out the costs, the money that the administration and BOR is so willing to spend hiring lawyers, publicists, rent for the President, while increasing the tuition fees of the students.

A question that I have is whether the excuse given for redaction of names from the reports, i.e. lawsuits, is valid. When names are mentioned, but accusations are not made; is that sufficient grounds for lawsuits? I don't think so.

Aloha,  
K. M. Htun

**From:** [marytsega@aol.com](mailto:marytsega@aol.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:00:54 PM

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I live in Moanalua Gardens. I watched the hearing from start to finish (taping when I had to leave) and was so impressed and proud to have a Senator like you representing my district.

I would like to shake your hand and tell you :GAMBARE!!  
I'll be sure to watch you again on Oct. 2. You have beauty and brains.

**From:** [Jim](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Keep up the good work in UH hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:25:10 PM

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Sen. Kim; I read the story in Star Advertiser today about your UH hearings and my blood is boiling. The incompetence and seeming indifference makes me want to clean house over there and find someone willing and able to be accountable – and simply do their job. And without regard to pressure from state politicians regarding Mr. Donovan’s job.

And even more insulting is the response of Mr. Chong Kee, the lawyer, who sees no big deal about taking at least \$50k for an “investigation” in which he does not follow the money or feel it is necessary to interview Dr. Greenwood. All this is far too cozy.

I am grateful that you are attempting to run this to ground. I hope you can make a difference. I look forward to the second session in October.

Press on!

Jim Long  
Kanoeha, HI  
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**From:** [Ellen Akaka](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Question related to Stevie Wonder concert debacle  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012 8:50:54 PM

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Dear Senator Kim,

I watched a good portion of the hearings yesterday and was, as always, impressed with your handling of the questioning and the depth of your knowledge about some of the idiocy surrounding this whole situation.

One question I've had from the moment I heard about the "concert", and one which I wish someone would ask, is why on earth anyone would think that Stevie Wonder (who, to my knowledge, has no connection to the University of Hawai'i or even the state for that matter) would want to do a concert to be held at the Stan Sheriff Center with its limited seating to raise money for the UH athletic department. Please understand that I'm not disparaging UH (I'm an alumna, a former employee, a huge fan of UH athletics, and I should add an admirer of Jim Donovan, and a tax payer!). But it simply makes no sense. We, theoretically, sent him \$200,000 for what? By the time you figure out his costs to come to Hawai'i, the relatively low ticket prices, etc, etc, etc. UH could not have gotten much, if any, benefit. And what would he have gotten out of it? It's really puzzling.

In the scheme of things this probably isn't a question that will be asked at these hearings, but it strikes me as very peculiar that no one seems to have questioned that.

Keep up the good work.  
Mahalo nui.  
Ellen Akaka

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e kuahui like i ka hana -- Hawaiian Proverb  
"Let everybody pitch in and work together"



**From:** [Tim Fern](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** Accountability Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 26, 2012 3:09:11 PM

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Dear Hon. Senator Kim,

You did a great job vice-chairing the UH Accountability Committee Meeting. Procedurally you were good, questions were great, and your knowledge of the subject was flawless! You did a great job. I look forward to Round #2.

A very informed citizen,

Tim Fern, MD

1975 UH-Manoa graduate and past donor

My family graduated 2 post-doctorates and a teacher from UH-Manoa

59-year Windward Oahu resident

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**From:** [Grirobins@aol.com](mailto:Grirobins@aol.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** (no subject)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 10:01:11 AM

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Senator Kim,

As a tax paying citizen thank you so much delving into the University of Hawaii. Now that the Wonder Blunder has exposed the inept management of the University I am so happy that you are now looking into the spending habits (large cash settlement to departing staff) of the University. As my wife and I are both UH alumni it was painfully clear to us that the students were a mere annoyance to the professors who were interested in their tenure and earnings.

Thank you again,

Rick and Claire Robinson  
Kealakekua, Hawaii

**From:** [Kula Chun](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** 15% UH graduation rate  
**Date:** Thursday, September 27, 2012 2:19:21 PM

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Aloha Senator Kim,

Thank you for conducting hearings into the "Wonder Blunder". You're doing a terrific job!

A recent report from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges stated "*UH should be applauded for boosting its undergraduate retention and graduation rates.*" In response, President Greenwood told the Star-Advertiser that the statement was a "*strong endorsement of what we have been doing.*"

Really? Guess what percentage of incoming freshmen graduate from UH in 4 years? 15%! In comparison, the graduation rate at many mainland schools is 90%. Why is UH's graduation rate so low? Because students can't get classes – they're cut to save money.

Maybe money should be spent on students, rather than golden parachutes and buyouts. Please ask President Greenwood about this. The public deserves to know.

Mahalo

**From:** BRICE CONQUEST  
**To:** Sen. Donna Mercado Kim  
**Subject:** UH PR Staff and UH Stevie Wonder  
**Date:** Friday, September 28, 2012 9:28:59 AM

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Dear Senator KIm,

Thank you for your diligence and efforts to bring to light the mysterious wonders of the failed Stevie Wonder concert. As a UH Manoa graduate of 1968, I am distressed by the way the administration throws money around in this matter. In addition, it remains to be seen why the UH needs to maintain so many on their PR staff and also award consultant contracts. Please continue in your efforts to allow the public to know what is going on.

As a former accountant it is also amazing to total up the money spent so far.

\$200,000 Sent to mysterious fake agent  
\$ 50,000 Cost of investigation  
\$ 25,000 Cost of advice for testimony  
\$ 2,500/mo PR contract

\$277,500+ and growing

\$633,000 = \$211,000 x 3 = Jim Donovan mystery marketing position (less savings from his prior \$240,00AD salary for remainder of term)

\$900,000 or maybe by the time this is all over it will reach a nice round figure like \$1,000,000.

Once again, thank you for informing the public of what the UH is trying to hide. I suggest we combine the office of President and Chancellor/Manoa to save some money to pay for this fiasco. It seems that the President spend more time on athletic matters anyway.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Pat Lillis  
**To:** Sen. Donna Mercado Kim  
**Subject:** UH Manoa hearings  
**Date:** Friday, September 28, 2012 12:04:31 PM

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Hello Sen. Kim:

I have seen TV footage on the hearings you are running concerning the UH Manoa issue with the Stevie Wonder concert. I have already expressed my outrage, via email, to my Senate representative Will Espero, on this issue.

Since the hearings will pick up next week, I would like the answers to the following:

Who authorized the \$200,000 wire transfer to the vendor in Florida?

Why was the newly created position, that was assigned to Jim Donovan not posted for other candidates?

Where is the money coming from for this \$211,000 salary?

Based on an article I read in the Star Advertiser recently, it was stated that Donovan was kept on at the University in exchange for him not suing the University for making him a scapegoat in the Stevie Wonder fiasco. If this is true, did the UH administrators admit this or conceal it?

Another article indicated that former football coach McMackin was given a choice: to resign and accept a \$600,000 severance package and no investigations would be conducted on him, or accept the 1.1 million for the last year of his contract and the Univ. would perform an investigation.

I saw nothing in the newspapers or TV news indicating any UH administrators addressing/saying anything about an investigation concerning McMackin. If that was in fact his choice, are the taxpayers not allowed to know the truth?

I have no confidence in the UH admin. They have not been open or honest, and have shown no qualms about wasting taxpayer money. No one is to blame for the Stevie Wonder concert, no penalty for the incompetence, poor judgement, or the fiscal irresponsibility of the staff. Yet the taxpayers have repeatedly paid the cost of their actions. This is inexcusable.

I would like to see changes at the University, some housecleaning of staff, instead of a statement that they will do better in the future.

Pat Lillis  
Ewa Beach

**From:** Roy  
**To:** Sen. Donna Mercado Kim  
**Subject:** Mahalo for your courage  
**Date:** Saturday, September 29, 2012 11:34:43 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Honorable Senator Kim:

It is with my greatest appreciation for your years of courage and dedicated service that I share the following with you.

Your accomplishments in serving our neighborhood and residents in Kalihi Valley are too numerous to count. You continue to protect the weak, poor, suffering, needy, even the outcast of mainstream society with your dedication and courage. You are our Saint Joan of Arc!

I implore you to go forward with much vigor and continued courage to hold the University of Hawaii administration, officers, regents, and all who control spending of our hard-earned taxes, fully accountable. It has been too many years that the University of Hawaii has pretty much run their business with little oversight and objective evaluations. Just look at the bureaucracy they have created; e.g. useless and or duplicate academic offices and departments, extravagant spending of donors' contributions, excessive personnel salaries and benefits. We have to hold these officials fully accountable for their irresponsible actions. One problem with these UH personnel is their arrogance and sense of intellectual superiority—attitudes which greatly contribute to their lack of accountability. They are supposed to be the very bright, intelligent people of our community, but as Forest Gump said, "Stupid is, is what stupid does." So, the many stupid things done so far, just show how stupid they really are—not thinking that smart people like you are going to call them on the carpet some day.

Please continue your scrutiny of the UH administration with much energy and know that I will be praying for you and your success.

*With much gratitude,  
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**From:** David Nickle  
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**To:** [senkim@capitol.gov](mailto:senkim@capitol.gov)  
**Cc:** David Nickle  
**Subject:** Tues. Hearing

Dear Senator:

I suggest you ask the UH attorney who authorized the money transfer to Epic in Fl. why he did so without seeing a valid contract that said SW was coming. Why would an attorney employed by the UH do such a thing? Please invite him for Tuesday. I believe his name is Agamine? Not sure though. It would be worth a call

You did a great job last Monday. Keep up the good work.

David Nickle, Taxpayer.

PS- Now an accounting firm, \$50,000, to check on the lawyer who did the report for how much over \$ 50,000. Next ???

**From:** [bfrogbernie@aol.com](mailto:bfrogbernie@aol.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#)  
**Subject:** M. R. C. Greenwood  
**Date:** Sunday, September 30, 2012 2:56:48 PM

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Hi,

Since we are going through with the questioning of spending moneys and the university how's about finding out from Ms. Greenwood why we are paying her an extra "cola" to live outside of her Manoa home since the renovation has been over for a long time. I would like to know why she is too good to be living in that home that all of the other presidents lived in except for her. Couldn't she spend her own money to pay for her own living quarters since she does not want to live there instead of us paying her the "cola"? Or am I mistaken and we are NOT paying her to live away from that home. That has never been made clear to me and others that I know as well.

UH already lost 200,000.00 so why do they keep hiring more associations to help them with: finding the new ad? go over the accounting now? The moneys being spent just does not stop and who is paying for this?

I followed you in the DOT controversy and am doing so now because I know you will get the answers for us one way or another and you are doing such a wonderful job along with your committee. Please keep up the good work. I work so I tape what is being testified so that I can come home to watch on tv.

Thank you. Have a great week. God Bless You.

Yours truly,  
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Dear Senator Kim,

Thank you for taking the lead in trying to get answers from personnel at the University of Hawaii in connection with their/our recent problems.

When I first heard of the concert I was very glad but surprised that Stevie Wonder would come to Hawaii to do a fundraising concert. I figured that someone at UH had good connections with the Stevie Wonder people. Within a day or so however everything fell apart and we are left with this costly, embarrassing mess.

I am very curious to find out:

- . How this first started – who was approached & by whom.
- . After the 1<sup>st</sup> contact, how the process proceeded – **who** was involved in contract negotiations; **who** reviewed & approved of the contract; **who** investigated the concert promoter (locally & nationally); **who** determined what funds to use; was there any discussion of insurance; & **who** approved & wired the money.
- . I would also be interested to find out **who** was overall in charge of guiding the process from start to finish.

I would assume that all of this was addressed by the attorney's initial investigation – if so, why was none of this made public? I think the public is looking for the names of the persons responsible & the actions, if any, taken against them. If there are no consequences for the wasting of public moneys, it will certainly continue and be considered to be business as usual.

Thanks for your time Senator Kim.

Good luck in getting to the bottom of this.

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